

## FFA Chapter Delegate Leaves for Convention



LARRY OBLACK stands between parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Oblack, Natal, for picture before boarding Great Northern train for FFA convention at Kansas City. Another Oregon delegate stands behind Mrs. Oblack. Train left at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Larry Oblack, Vernonia high school senior, left last Saturday for Kansas City, Missouri where he will attend the national convention of the Future Farmers of America as the delegate from this school.

His train fare was financed by the local FFA chapter members and other costs such as lodging and meals are assumed by him.

The trip to Kansas City was made through Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska on the way to the convention via Great Northern Railway. On the return journey he will travel by Union Pacific through Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho.

The convention lasts for four days during which time Oblack will take part in discussion of importance of youth in rural areas, witness the many national awards programs and tour the general

## Articles Filed For Tax Group

Articles of incorporation were filed with the state corporation commission earlier this week to form a nonprofit corporation which will be known as the Columbia County Tax Equalization and Conservation association.

Incorporators are Earl M. (Ozzie) Ray and Lester Sheeley and, as stated in the articles, "the purpose or purposes for which this corporation is organized are: To conserve and equalize taxes."

The corporation will elect a board of directors and enact by-laws as soon as the certificate of incorporation is received from the state.

area as a guest of the American Royal livestock show.

He will return Monday, October 15, arriving in Portland at 9 that morning.

One hundred thirty FFA boys from about 70 of the 89 chapters in the state are attending the convention, accompanied by three ag teachers and the state supervisor for vocational agriculture as chaperones. Two other boys from this county, both representing the St. Helens chapter, are also attending.

## Jury Trial Held In Local Court

For the first time in quite a few years, a jury trial was held here last Saturday in the justice court of Oscar G. Weed in the Vernonia city hall. Those who served on the jury were Mrs. T. M. Hobart, Mrs. R. B. Fletcher, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Mrs. H. E. McEntire, Mrs. R. C. Lindsay and Ernest East.

The case involved a claim for commission on a car sale, and the plaintiff was Richard Nightwine who claimed commission was due him for sending a buyer for a car to Earl Donkel. He claimed that an oral agreement had been made to the effect that if he found a buyer for Donkel's vehicle, he could have all of the sale price over \$250. The car was sold for \$400, and Donkel declined payment.

The plaintiff, Nightwine, was represented by Donald Kalberer and the defendant by David Williamson, St. Helens attorney.

After hearing evidence in the case, the jury decided in favor of the plaintiff.

## Chamber Hears Arguments on New Measures

At the chamber of commerce dinner meeting Monday evening more than 60 persons heard Mrs. Arnold Damskov, president of the League of Women Voters of Portland state arguments for and against nine of the measures on the November ballot. She was well complimented on her fine presentation of the issues.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization devoted to promoting the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It neither endorses nor opposes candidates or parties. The league takes stands on issues only after the membership has thoroughly studied an area of government and reached agreement as to desirable legislation.

Mrs. Damskov congratulated the local chamber of commerce on having such a dinner meeting to which candidates for county and state offices had been asked to attend so that all may become acquainted with them.

The candidates attending were Spencer Younce, Roy Wilburn, Louis Wasser, M. L. Gregory, Lawrence Meissner, Earl Ray and Walter Mathews. Blaine Whipple, candidate for U. S. representative, also was present.

Robert C. Lindsay, chamber president, also introduced Don Kalberer, county chairman of the United Fund. He spoke briefly on the need for supporting a United Fund drive instead of having 28 separate drives for funds which would increase operating costs.

The dinner was served by the women of the Christian church and held in the Legion hall. Darrold Proehl had charge of the program for the dinner.

## Work Started On UF Drive

Workers who will solicit for this year's United Fund started their job Tuesday of this week, according to Mrs. T. M. Hobart and Mrs. R. C. Lindsay who are co-chairmen for this part of the county.

They point out that this valley is asked to raise \$1200 and any amount above that will stay here for use in the local emergency fund. The county quota is \$27,840.

In setting the quota, the county UF board meets with representatives of each of the eight agencies who participate to discuss their individual needs and each community represented estimates the probable donations from their area. The requests and estimates are then discussed by the board and an allocation is made for each agency.

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## West Oregon Sends Notices For Meeting

The official annual meeting notices for the West Oregon Electric Cooperative meeting October 20 were placed in the mail Monday, announced Secretary O. T. Bateman.

The members were invited to attend the meeting to be held in the Cooperative headquarters building at Vernonia beginning at 10:00 a.m. October 20. Members will attend from Columbia, Clatsop, Washington and Yamhill counties.

Gerald F. Diddle, director, Western Area (Electric) for REA, will be the principal speaker.

Business to be considered will be the reports of the officers and manager of the cooperative. Elections will be held for directors from two directorship districts.

Nominated from district 2 (Birkenfeld, Mist, Pittsburg, Chapman) are Noble Dunlap and Robert U. Mathews. Nominated from district 5 (Vernonia west of the SP&S tracks, Timber route, Vernonia and Timber) are George Smith, Dudley P. Spofford and Hans O. Slette.

The notice also announced the Junior and Senior Cake contests which always bring considerable interest. Prizes for the contest are on display at the West Oregon office.

The lunch this year will be served by the First Christian church ladies from Vernonia.

The announcement states that the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Displays of electrical equipment will be set up.

## Cub Scouts To Register

Thursday evening, tonight, Vernonia Troop 201 Cub Scouts will have a meeting at the Vernonia grade school from 7:00 to 8:00 for all those boys wishing to sign up to become Cub Scouts this year. Parents are also urged to attend with their boys.

All boys participating last year under 11 years of age also are required to sign up again this year and re-register for the Cub Scouts program, according to Melvin Schwab, Cubmaster.



GERALD F. DIDDLE  
Annual meeting speaker

## Lions to Plan For Yule Time

Lions club members, when they meet next Monday evening, will talk about the coming holiday season in respect to decorations, which they put up each year to enliven the business section of town.

At the Monday planning meeting they will consider forming a council of Lions members, representatives of other groups and business people to plan for improving the decorations, possible use of a theme, whether to cover a greater area than the downtown business section and when to put the decorations up.

The Lions will also give further thought to the coming hotcake feed scheduled October 20.

## Loggers Lose Friday Game to Pirates 6-0; Meet Banks Next

By Sharon Brunson

Coach Bob Wendel's Vernonia Loggers took another one on the chin last Friday evening when the invading Pirates from Neahkanie arrived in the Loggers' domain and went home victors with a 6-0 score.

Midway in the first half the Loggers recovered a Pirate fumble on the 45. From that point Andersreg rambled all the way to score, but a clipping penalty nullified the fine run and stopped the Loggers' drive cold.

Again in the second half the Loggers managed to penetrate down to the Pirates' 12, only to have the old bugaboo, fumbles, stop them in their tracks.

The visitors' TD occurred on a definite fluke when the Loggers attempted a reverse at midfield with the result of a fumble, which an alert onrushing Neahkanie man picked up and rambled all the way to score. Try for point failed making the score read 6-0 at the games' end.

In this game, Coach Wendel says the defense as a whole was good. The offense ran 13 times within the 20, but couldn't score.

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## Jaycees Work on Projects to Improve City, Back New Code

Members of the Vernonia Jaycees added to the improvement of the appearance of Vernonia's main street last week end by cleaning up unsightly debris around the vacant hotel buildings. This was done in place of cleaning of the shay lot since the city employees beat them to that job. The Jaycees wish it made plain that they were not trying to take credit for a job they did not do. The story was written last week on the basis of their plans.

Other clean-up projects are on their agenda and they hope that their example will catch fire and prompt everyone to clean up their own property.

At the meeting held Thursday of last week, Robert C. Lindsay was present to explain to the club the building code which the planning commission which he chairs has proposed for the city. After hearing the explanation, the club voted to back such a code for the city.

As chamber of commerce president, Lindsay also invited the Jay-

## Six File for Election to City Offices

Registered voters living within the city limits will cast their ballots on a slate of six candidates for city positions in the November election.

Before the deadline for filing last Thursday, October 4, nominating petitions were filed for five names, two of them for mayor and three for council positions. Mrs. Mona Gordon had filed earlier for the position of treasurer and she is the only candidate seeking that office.

For the position of mayor, voters will choose between the incumbent, George Johnson and Dr. T. M. Hobart.

Terms of the two council positions now held by C. E. Miller and Frank Serafin will expire at the end of the year. The three names filed for these positions are Miller, incumbent, Horace Hertel and Howard Johnson. Two will be elected and the terms will be for four years.

## Cantata to Practice

Preparation for a Christmas cantata will begin next Tuesday, October 16, at the EUB church at a practice scheduled for 7 p.m. by John Jensen, school music instructor. He will direct the group and anyone interested is asked to come, including high school students. Members of all churches are invited to take part in preparing for the event.

## Staff at Post Office Commended

Residents of Vernonia know they have an attractive well-kept post office and it is one of the highlights usually pointed out to visitors, but it is wondered

if its attractiveness is not somewhat taken for granted without thought of how it stays that way.

The flowers and lawn area make the Vernonia office espe-

cially attractive and add a cheery note to the day of all who pass that way. It is the interest and effort of the post office staff that provides this of their own ac-

cord.

The postmaster, O. T. Bateman, was pleased this week to receive a letter from his superior, James J. Symbol, regional director of the post office department, in the Seattle regional office. Gist of the letter was to commend the Vernonia office appearance.

The letter read in part: "In conjunction with the postmaster's general clean-up campaign as outlined in the postal bulletin of August 16, 1962, your office was recently visited by a regional representative."

"We liked what we saw and you are hereby commended for the excellent manner in which your office is being maintained. In addition we congratulate the person or persons directly responsible for the neatness, cleanliness and general appearance of your facility."

Local residents could assure the director that the condition he found was the regular condition here. All users of the office can take pride in this and do their part to help keep the office neat.

## Girls to Play Ball

Something new and exciting in the field of sports is to be offered to the people in Vernonia Saturday, October 13, at Greenman field. The sophomore girls will meet their opponents, the junior and senior girls, in a Powder Puff football game at 8:00 p.m. Admission is 25c grade school, 35c high school and 50c adults.



FLOWER beds and lawn area around post office add much to appearance of well-kept building that houses facility. Maintenance of flowers and lawn is done by office staff and result is one of the

best looking public buildings in the valley. Photo taken with Postmaster O. T. Bateman standing beside one of flower beds.