

AT THE reorganization meeting of the West Oregon Electric board following the annual meeting Saturday, George Smith, outgoing president, passes the gavel to C. L. Wooden, Jewell, newly elected president.

Over 200 Vote At Annual Meet

Over 200 members and their families attended the West Oregon Electric cooperative annual meeting at Vernonia, October 20.

Directors re-elected were Noble Dunlap, Mist route, Vernonia, for district 2, and George L. Smith, Timber route, Vernonia, for district 5. Dunlap received 121 votes while his opponent, Robert Mathews, Mist, received 60. Smith received 122 votes while H. O. Slette, Timber route, Vernonia, received 39 and Dudley P. Spofford, Vernonia, received 20 votes in the three-way race in district 5.

Members heard reports of operations for the past year from the directors and Manager Guy. I. Thomas. The recent storm came in for its share of comments as the operations of the cooperative will be greatly affected.

George Smith, board president, in opening the meeting stated that while 1962 was a bad year due to storms and economic problems, conditions indicate a turn for the better in the near future.



R. B. FLETCHER, Mist Route, was appointed recently as director for district 3 of the West Oregon Electric Co-operative to complete the unexpired term of Ed Roediger Jr., resigned.

Fred Knox, treasurer, reported income of \$320,152.46 for the 12 months ending August 31. Expenses for this period were \$335,403.92 for a net loss of \$15,251.46.

Gerald F. Diddle, director Western area (electric) REA, was the principal speaker. He pointed out that all the initial capital of the cooperative was borrowed from REA and that this money plus interest must be paid back. A total of just over one million dollars in principal and interest have been repaid to August 31.

Introduced to the general membership was R. B. Fletcher, Mist route, Vernonia, who was appointed at the board meeting October 16 to complete the term of E. G. Roediger Jr., Mist route, Vernonia, who resigned earlier due to the pressure of his own business.

There were 208 voting members plus their families who attended the meeting to make the largest attendance for a meeting in several years. Approximately 300 persons were present.

Entertainment highlight of the meeting was the appearance of the Vernonia grade school chorus of 51 students under the direction of John Jensen.

A large number of entries for the cake contests were present to be judged. Mary Ann Dennis, Vernonia, won the radio given as first prize for the junior division. Linda Norman, Jewell, won the second place clock. Imogene Slanger, Jewell, won the third place heating pad.

In the senior division, Mrs. J. M. Peachey, Vernonia, won the first place steam iron. Second was won by Mrs. Myrtle Slanger who received a roto-broil. Third place heating pad was won by Mrs. Charles Minger of Vernonia.

At a reorganization meeting following the annual meeting, the board of directors elected C. Lee Wooden, Jewell, president; Lewis Kelly, Banks, vice-president; O. T. Bateman, Vernonia, secretary and F. M. Knox, Gaston, treasurer.



GERALD F. DIDDLE, director, Western Area REA, spoke Saturday at West Oregon Electric Cooperative annual meeting.

Area Reminded Of Next Visit

Residents of this area are reminded that the Goodwill truck will call here Wednesday of next week, October 31, and this will be the last call for house-to-house pickups until in January. Persons who have items to be collected should call Mrs. Frank Lange, HAzel 9-3161 before that date. Furniture, toys, clothing and appliances are all urgently needed to provide employment for those on the Goodwill rolls this winter.

Marshall Takes Hospital Job

Noell Marshall, an Independent candidate for Columbia county clerk, has asked voters to disregard his name on the ballot and choose between the other two men seeking the post—Roy A. Nelson Democrat, and R. A. Welwood, Republican.

Marshall, since filing his petition just prior to the deadline, has accepted employment as business manager at Columbia District hospital, and no longer desires the county clerk job.

Phone Service Repair Gets Help of Many

Frantic efforts to restore telephone service between Forest Grove and Vernonia typify the tougher side of the storm damage repair task to which West Coast Telephone company in Oregon has committed a work force of 400.

Division Manager Jean Goodrich described these efforts to the Eagle earlier this week.

In the first place, he said, the 27-mile line between Forest Grove and Vernonia, via Timber was broken or knocked sagging in 130 places by as many fallen trees. So the repair assignment became what Goodrich called "a muscle job."

A dozen men wrestled recumbent trees for three exhausting days before service was restored even on "a ticklish footing." It kept flopping in and out until Thursday when two regular West Coast crews came on the scene and effected more permanent repairs.

"I don't know what we would have done with that wild tangle of trees without a helping hand from the state forestry department," Goodrich commented.

The West Oregon Electric manager at Vernonia, Guy Thomas, also rendered considerable assistance. In making repeated trips to Forest Grove to telephone, Thomas reported trouble spots to Goodrich and this information aided in effective deployment of workers.

"I am not sure, actually, how many worked that job or who all of them were," he asserted. "One of our janitors was gone a couple of days; he might have been there for all I know."

Contest Finals Listed Again

The punt and pass contest finals which were stormed out October 12 have been rescheduled for this Friday night at half time of the game to be played on Greenman field between Vernonia and Concordia.

The first, second and third place winners selected in the three age classifications in a contest held Saturday, October 5, will be issued numbered jerseys and sit on the Logger bench at the game. In the half-time contest, a decision will be reached as to which ones will have their names engraved on the plaque.

Boys who are to compete are as follows: 11 years old, Chris Smith, Gary Davis and Doug Caywood; 12 years old, Jeff Proehl, Zachary Patterson and Eddie Burton; 13 years old, Larry Holsey, Sam Ceballos and Keith Cameron.

W. J. Lindsley Taken Tuesday

Warren J. Lindsley of Riverview who had been at Eugene and Springfield for some time with his children, passed away at the Twilight Nursing Home in Eugene late Tuesday. Word of his death reached Vernonia via a radio message to A. D. Lolley. Services will be held here but time for services had not been set yet Wednesday noon.

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Totals Up In Schools Of District

Enrollment figures for the schools in district 47 joint show an increase over first week figures, according to Superintendent J. W. Acaiturri. The totals now stand at 658 for all schools in the district with 175 in the high school and 483 in the three elementary schools, Washington, Lincoln and Mist. This is 23 above the first day registration figures which were 167 for the high school and 468 for the grades for a total of 635.

Cancer Society Meet Attended

Mrs. B. J. Horn and Mrs. Lynn Michener spent Thursday and Friday of last week at Cottage Grove attending the convention of the Oregon division of the American Cancer Society. The meeting drew the largest attendance of any such state convention held by the society in Oregon.

Special guest and speaker at the sessions was William Garger, TV and movie personality who has undergone surgery for cancer of the larynx in which the voice box was removed. His example of how one can learn to talk and surmount the situation was an inspiration to all who heard him.

Hotcake Feed Project By Lions Raises \$200

The Vernonia Lions club held another successful hotcake feed Saturday which netted over \$200 for another community project, the purchase of hospital beds which will be made available for use in the community by those who have temporary need of such equipment.

Members of the Lions club turned out almost 100 percent to work at the feed Saturday and those who were not there were detained by other work from which they could not be released or illness or other unavoidable reasons.

Edwin Ade, general chairman for the event, and John Jensen, club president, have both expressed their appreciation this week for the good response of the public to this annual fund raising project and to all those who donated to the club in other ways to make the hotcake feed possible.

The use of the City cafe and its equipment was donated by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Burns and oil for heating the building was provided by Joe Magoff, Standard Oil representative. Coffee makers were loaned by the Vernonia Fire Department and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Two electric fry-pans were loaned by the Harold McEntires. Dr. J. W. Buell provided the barrel that received contri-

butions during the day. Curl's Grocery and Sam's Food Store donated some of the items used. Electricity was donated by the West Oregon Electric company and water was made available by the city. Posters were donated by the Vernonia Eagle.

Clarence Nance, chief cook, is given a special vote of appreciation by the club for his good job of organization and the long hours he put in cooking and supervising the event. He was at the City cafe before 5:00 a.m. Saturday to have everything in readiness for the first customer at 6:00 a.m. and he stayed on the job until the doors closed at 6:00 p.m.

It is estimated that approximately 900 hotcakes were flipped and served during the day. Almost 450 eggs were used. The gross take was \$257.40 and expenses, over and above the items donated, amounted to \$44.96. This leaves a net amount of \$212.44 for the community service project.

The community as a whole is appreciative of the work of the club which has sponsored many community projects over the years. Their support of the club last Saturday is convincing proof of that fact.





Soil District Sponsors Speech Contest on Water Conservation

Don Leach from the Clatskanie Soil Conservation district office at Clatskanie visited the vocational agriculture classes of Welcome Rumbaugh at Vernonia high school Thursday of last week to invite members of the Vernonia classes to take part in a speech contest with members from Clatskanie high school Wednesday of this week at the Natal Grange. It is understood that Ralph Anderegg was the only one from Vernonia who entered the contest. Subject on which contestants were to speak was "Water Conservation."

Also, last Thursday, Walter Anderson soil scientist from Hillsboro was here to assist Leach and Rumbaugh in a field trip in which 24 sophomore and senior boys from Vernonia high school participated. They were taken to the Sword place across the river from

Anderson park where they studied soil from the standpoint of geological formation, soil profile, texture and structure. The demonstration was conducted by Ander-

wednesday of this week, Rumbaugh took five of his students, Gary Johnston, Fred Skidmore, Leon Welch, Robert Fuquay and Charles Robertson, to Tillamook to participate in a land appraisal program.

Owners Reminded

Property owners whose trees, shrubs and structures were blown onto county roads during the Oct. 12 windstorm must have them removed by October 29, according to a notice published by the Columbia county court elsewhere in this paper.



SOPHOMORE girls football team, top, and their yell leaders, four boys standing, won over Junior team Friday night 18-14 in first powder puff football game here. Event was sponsored by the two classes and has been an event considered by Juniors since they entered high school, but one which they were unable to carry out until this year. Junior team, center, was coached by Miss Jacqueline Antles, girls PE and art instructor, and Sophomores were coached by Manning Bomberger, science teacher. Bottom photo shows some of action during game. Photos by Truman Jackson.