

Panel to Present Education Topic

Parents, business people and all persons interested in the Vernonia public schools are reminded that the Washington school will be open this evening for a Lights On For Education program as a part of the observance of American Education Week.

Area Aware of Shock Monday

Yes, the earthquake was felt in Vernonia and throughout this part of the Nehalem Valley Monday of last week, November 5, despite the fact that election news crowded it out of last week's paper. The sharp shock was felt here at approximately 7:37 p.m. and made everyone very much aware of it, though no damage has been reported here. Most people have mentioned the rumbling sound that accompanied it.

Again, most residents conclude that this really is a good place to live since the quake was less severe here than in surrounding areas where some plaster was cracked, dishes knocked from shelves and wares tumbled from store displays.

Saving Stamp Help Approved

Vernonia Postmaster O. T. Bateman said recently he had received a letter from William H. Neal, national director of the U. S. Savings Bond program, commending the local post office for its efforts in the promotion and sale of U. S. Savings Stamps.

"You and your associates have helped to make the Treasury's school Savings Program the success it is today," Mr. Neal wrote. "It is regarded as a most important instrument in teaching citizenship and thrift."

"On behalf of the treasury department, may I express sincere appreciation and ask for your continued active cooperation. Through the sale of U. S. Savings Stamps you offer a convenient service to schools, and to the public in general."

Postmaster Bateman expressed his own endorsement of the treasury department's school savings program for the purchase of savings stamps and bonds. Savings stamps in 10 and 25 cent sizes are on sale at the post office at all times and beginning next week the stamp day program will again be in effect at the Washington and Lincoln schools.

Next Cantata Practice Due

John Jensen, director of the all-community cantata, stated this week that attendance at rehearsals had been excellent and work on the production is progressing nicely. The rehearsal next Tuesday evening, November 20, is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. and all persons taking part are asked to be there at that time since the auditorium is to be used for another meeting at 8:15. Practices take place at the EUB church on State avenue.

Dinner Meeting to Feature Topic Of 'Tourism' as Need in County

The Columbia County Development commission proposed to promote tourism following a discussion when the group convened in Rainier at the city hall Wednesday evening.

During the business session Jack McGuire, St. Helens area director, recommended tourism promotion for the organization. The Columbia County Development commission was organized for the purpose of sponsoring county wide projects of growth and betterment. McGuire stated that there are many scenic sights and recreational areas throughout the county which should be made better known. "There are streams for fishing, rivers for skiing and boating and parks for family picnicking and overnight camping," he said.

Promotion activities outlined by the group could include a county

"Education Meets the Challenge of Change" is the theme for the week and a panel discussion will present the topic "How the Cultural Subjects Meet the Challenge of Change." Instructors who will participate in the panel are Rudy Domitrovich, moderator who will use the high school band to demonstrate part of his lecture; Mrs. Dorothy Buell, second grade teacher who will discuss the social activities and their part in the primary program; Miss Jacqueline Antles who will discuss the art program and Mrs. Ora Bolmeier who will discuss the part played by literature.

After the program, parents will have the opportunity to visit with the teachers in the grade school and discuss with them the program in their area.

The program starts at 8:00 p.m. and the evening will conclude with refreshments.

Lions to Plan For Decorations

When the Vernonia Lions club meets Monday evening, November 19, at the Vernonia fire hall at 6:30 p.m. for its dinner meeting, Bruce Roberts, pastor of the Christian Church, will give a short talk on Thanksgiving.

The business session will be devoted to plans for the Christmas decorations projects and for the district 36-0 roundtable to be held here in January.

John Jensen, president, has asked every member of the club to make a special effort to be present and make the attendance 100 per cent. This will give the Vernonia club an opportunity to be the first club in district 36-0 to show 100 per cent attendance in its monthly report.

History Group Slates Meeting

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet Saturday at the Vernonia Grange hall and a large attendance of local citizens is very much desired. All those who paid a dollar for the benefit of the museum and thus became members of the organization should be there to hear how the work is progressing. All other persons interested in the museum and in history of the county are urged to attend.

The meeting starts with a potluck dinner at noon which is followed by the business meeting and program.

Youth Group To Name 12

The Columbia County Governor's Children and Youth committee will select and delegate 12 delegates to the Governor's Committee meeting in Salem on November 29, 30 and December 1.

Special workshops of interest to all areas of Oregon will be held during this meeting on the forums of "Family Life Education", "Mental Health", "School Dropouts and Youth Employment", "Children's Services", "Youth and Adults in Community Affairs."

brochure, Sunday supplement, scenic tours, pictures and speakers, it was reported.

Plans were made for a kick-off dinner to be held in Vernonia at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 6. Chairman for the dinner will be Louis Towne, Vernonia, assisted by McGuire and Mrs. Ervin Abraham, Rainier.

Featured speakers will be Ron Shay, of the Oregon State Game Commission who will speak on the Hunting and Fishing Potential in Columbia County and William Miller from the Oregon Planning and Development Commission who will speak on Tourism Promotion.

The dinner will be served by the American Legion Auxiliary. Tickets are available from the organization's directors and from Mrs. Ervin Abraham, Rainier.

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PUC Accepts Tongue Point Application

An application asking the state Public Utility Commissioner to certify West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Vernonia, as the exclusive serving agency to all electric consumers in the old Tongue Point Navy Base and the immediate area along the Columbia river shoreline north of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad right of way, has been accepted, it was learned November 13.

Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said the application would be scheduled for a hearing as soon as possible.

The area applied for by West Oregon is a narrow strip of land about 2½ miles long that lies between the SP&S tracks and the Pacific Power and Light Co. service area which was certified by the state last October, Hill said, adding that the US Maritime Commission in the Tongue Point area has been served by West Oregon for a number of years.

West Oregon's main service areas, certified to them last April by the PUC, lie in other portions of Clatsop county and in Columbia, Washington and Tillamook counties.

The application was made under a new law allowing utilities to be certified for exclusive service in areas they already serve.

Bergerson Rites Read Saturday

Funeral services for Victor Bergerson, 63 year old native and longtime resident of the Vernonia area, were conducted Saturday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Fuiten's Mortuary Chapel, Vernonia.

The Rev. Raymond Targgart, pastor of the EUB church at Vernonia officiated at the services with Mrs. Calvin Bass as soloist accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Thomas as organist. Concluding rites and vault interment were at the family plot at the North cemetery with Clarence Reed, Ted Keasey, Ben Smith, William Braun, Vester Christensen and William Anderson serving as casket bearers.

He was born at Vernonia June 27, 1899. His parents, the late Peter and Hannah Larson Bergerson bought out a homestead in the Kist district in the upper Nehalem valley. They had the Kist Post office at their home for many years.

He spent all of his early years in this area farming and in the logging industry. At the start of World War II he started working in the shipyards and had followed the boilermakers trade since the time, and lived in Portland. He was a member of the Boiler-maker's Local No. 72.

His wife, Alta Northrup Bergerson and only child, a son Peter, preceded him in death in 1933. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. John (Bessie) Tapp, North Plains and Mrs. Lottie Lintner, Hillsboro; two brothers, Cass Bergerson, Vernonia and Percy Bergerson, San Francisco and eleven nephews and nieces.

Stockmen to Dine on 27th

The annual fall dinner meeting of the Columbia County Livestock association is being planned as a joint meeting with the Clatskanie Kiwanis Club as a part of their Farm-City Week observances, according to Jess Lewis, local committee chairman in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, November 27, has been set as the date for this event which is to start at 6:45 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Clatskanie union high school.

All details of the program for this event have not been confirmed, indicates the association president, Kay Van Natta, but should be complete within the next few days.

Mist Circle Prepares for Fall Festival Program

Saturday evening, November 17, is the date chosen for the annual fall festival presented at the Mist school by the Mist Helping Circle to derive funds for community projects such as the street lights and upkeep of the cemetery.

The evening starts at 8:00 p.m. with a home talent program which this year will feature a skit, The Court Room, and the Chipmunks. Solos, other music and variety numbers will round out the show which is always tops in entertainment.

Phone Company Pays Tax Bill

West Coast Telephone company paid sharply-increased property taxes Wednesday and Thursday in most of the 14 counties in its Oregon district.

District Manager Lyle E. Cross of Beaverton reported that West Coast's 1962-63 Oregon tax bill of \$713,407 was \$113,000 higher than the tab for the previous year.

Washington county paced the trend with a hike of \$60,000. The check the company tendered at Hillsboro Wednesday was for \$227,566, as compared with 168,620 a year ago.

The second highest payment in the Oregon district this year went to Coos county. It was for \$175,172. The company's 1961-62 check to Coos county was for \$170,164.

A company analysis indicated that the steeper property tax requirements reflected a combination of factors including expansion of company plant and changes in timber and school taxation.

In Columbia county the West Coast Telephone company paid \$16,398 for 1962-63, an increase of almost \$6,000 over the 1961-62 figure of \$10,548.

Jaycees Note Member Need

Seven JayCee members from St. Helens and Scappoose attended the meeting of the Vernonia club last Thursday evening to offer more ideas and support to the group which is attempting to secure a charter here. Those who are now working in the local club are enthusiastic and have a lot of good things underway, but it takes 25 members to secure a charter. All young men, aged 21 to 36, are needed to make the chartering of the club possible.

Committee reports showed that the new street signs now have been given the basic coat of white paint and are ready for the green lettering. Sheldon Groff is in charge of this project.

Calvin Bass reported that the benefit program is coming along well, also, and funds are being built up to assist needy children at Christmas time. Dale Andrich was appointed as chairman for another project to arrange phone calls to Santa. Details will be reported later.

The group will meet again tonight at the West Oregon building.

Loggers Given Defeat 13-6

Last Friday evening the Vernonia Loggers ended the current gridiron season with a sour note when they journeyed to Clatskanie to engage that squad in action and went down in defeat to the tune of 13-6. This was the first time in many years that Vernonia had been defeated by the Tiger eleven.

The Tigers scored early in first quarter action and again in the third period. Vernonia scored their six points in the third stanza and couldn't seem to get a definite drive going after that.

This game ended the 1962 Logger football season with the record of eight losses and one win.

Ministers Plan Thanksgiving Union Service

Residents of Vernonia are invited to a union Thanksgiving service which has been arranged by the Vernonia Ministerial association, according to Bruce Roberts, president of the group. It is to be held next Wednesday evening, November 21, at the Nazarene church on Third street back of the old Miller store building. Time for the service is 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Wm. Armstrong, pastor of the Assembly of God church will be the speaker, and each church participating will provide a special musical number. Also, a congregational song service is to be led by Rev. E. T. Wilcox, new pastor of the First Baptist church.

The service offers a good time for everyone to come together and give thanks for the many blessings during the past year and to ask God's guidance, help and protection in the year ahead.

Educators Talk School Topics

Eleven elementary principals of Columbia county met at the Washington grade school Tuesday evening, November 13, to discuss matters of mutual concern. Some areas covered were science fair, grade school interschool athletic programs, music events for the coming year.

Plans for the grade school basketball jamboree which is to be held here in Vernonia December 7 were made.

It was agreed to hold another meeting in January at Rainier.

That same evening a group of educators from Columbia county met at the high school to hear Miss Jean Spaulding discuss grouping and organization of the elementary schools. This was the third in a series of seven meetings on the able and gifted child being held in Columbia county this year.

Miss Spaulding is an elementary supervisor with the state department of education. She was accompanied by Charles Hagerty of the state department of education. The meetings are arranged by the county superintendent, Ray Godsey.

C of C Orders Map of Area

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce is having 1,000 maps printed of this area as an aid to agate and fossil hunters. These maps will show agate and fossil beds, roads, and wayside parks. Many local merchants are frequently asked for directions to agate areas and the maps should be of considerable help. When printed the maps will be given to local merchants for distribution.

The Chamber is again sponsoring a Christmas decorating contest for the residents of the Vernonia area. Three prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded. Instead of prizes to commercial and non-commercial groups the committee is planning to give the students an opportunity to display their talent by decorating the windows of unoccupied buildings on Bridge street. Rules and prizes for this will be announced next week.

Final Services Are Performed

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 14, at the Coleman-Rushing chapel in St. Helens for William Herman Hillyer who for the past several years has resided in Riverview. Rev. Donald Colburn officiated and burial was in the Columbia Memorial Gardens at Warren.

Mr. Hillyer was born January 18, 1912 at Marshfield, Oregon and passed away November 10 at St. Helens. He is survived by his wife, Elda Hillyer, and a daughter, Carol Ann, both of Vernonia.

PTA to Hear Education Week Talk On Teaching Techniques Monday

American Education Week will be observed by the Vernonia PTA next Monday evening with a special speaker, Bert G. Tousley, past president of the Oregon State School Board association who will use as his topic, "Teaching Techniques in the Modern Age." He will discuss how American education meets the challenge of the future.

The men of the Masonic Lodge will serve refreshments after the meeting and they promise something different than the usual coffee and cookies.

The executive committee announced this week the appointment of the room mothers listed as follows with grade, teacher and room mother given in that order:

Washington school: a.m. kindergarten, Mrs. Faith Reynolds, Mrs. Melvin Schwab and p.m. kinder-

garten, Mrs. Chet Ray; first, Mrs. Gladys Worthington, Mrs. Horace Hertel; second, Mrs. Dorothy Buell, Mrs. Margaret Thompson; third, Mrs. Noma Callister, Mrs. Dan Lawler; fourth, Mrs. Rose Steen, Mrs. Robert May and Miss Treva Wishart, Mrs. Darrold Proehl; fifth, Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Mrs. Wm. Nelson and Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson, Mrs. Joe Grosche; sixth, Mrs. Rosalind Veazie, Mrs. Charles Poetter and Mrs. Maude wells, Mrs. Geo. Koski; seventh, Wayne Markham, Mrs. Robert Elton and Daniel Lawler, Mrs. Earl King; eighth, James Johns, Mrs. Frank Serafin and Mrs. Dorothy Sandon, Mrs. John Serafin.

Lincoln school: First, Mrs. Dorothy Sloop, teacher and room mother; second, Mrs. Velve Christensen, Mrs. Jack Odum; third, Miss Beverlee Markegard, Mrs. Hilding Berg.