

City Opens Bids For Water Work

City councilmen, at their first August meeting Monday evening, received bids for the Riverview water system, heard committee reports, received requests for an improvement district and the changing of street signs and discussed various phases of garbage collection and disposal as part of the evening's business.

City Engineer Clarence Wagner, Attorney Robert Vagt and Councilmen L. E. Atkins and Ed Miller will consider the Riverview water system bids received and awards or re-

jections will be made within the time limit of 30 days. Deadline for submitting bids was Monday evening. Mayor T. M. Hobart assured a delegation of Riverview residents the work would be done in preference to other projects.

One committee report dealt with the curbing project on Rose avenue and the council was told that one block remains to be curbed but that the highway department is going ahead with paving. Also, electrical installations are still to be completed at Anderson park.

An improvement district to place curbing on both sides of Umatilla street in the block between Rose avenue and First avenue was requested by all property owners affected. The council ordered an estimate made of the installation cost for the information of the petitioners.

The planning commission presented a three-fold request for action that street signs be changed to show the new names selected previously, that cemetery improvements previously agreed upon be made and that a survey be made to determine capacity in the light of expanding needs.

In the consideration of garbage collection and disposal, W. A. Davis asked if there would be objection to dumping wastes collected from new territory in the Timber and Sunset Junction area. He is to determine the number of accounts that may be served.

The council was told by Bill J. Horn that the city is insured for \$5000 which would include damage arising from fire that might originate from the garbage dump. This could be increased to \$100,000 by an added premium of \$50 or \$60. A motion to increase coverage failed for lack of a second. Davis was authorized to post the dump premises against trespass and smoking, with violations to be handled by the city police authority.

A recent request to authorize an increase in garbage collection rates is to have further council consideration.

A copy of a letter from the state sanitary authority to the U. S. Health and Welfare department indicated that inspection shows the sewage lagoon to be functioning acceptably, with the possibility that supplemental water may be needed in dry periods.

They suggested that the federal authority make a final inspection and determine the amount of grant funds due the city.

In the matter of annexation of the sewer lagoon area, the city attorney had not as yet been consulted or property descriptions written.

Mrs. Oscar Hannula asked the council if proposed sewer connections in her neighborhood would be available before winter. She was informed that the pipe is on hand, but emergency jobs, including replacement of a broken main, curb work and demands on the city crew by the Jamboree had prevented going ahead with the work. Assurance was given that the work would be done as soon as time will permit.

Robert Perry of Perry's Sports Camp voiced appreciation of the camp's management for the helpful cooperation of the city and for the concern and interest of its people in the camp development. An invitation was extended the mayor and council to attend a luncheon at the camp at noon August 5 or 6.

Other business included reading of the minutes and approval for payment of bills.

Mayor Hobart asked that all city employees be commended for their efforts in preparing for the Jamboree and their assistance in policing and general conduct of the affair.

Class Open Yet For Lifesaving

Instruction in lifesaving is still open at Perry's Sports Camp Robert Perry said Monday when he indicated the class was not yet full. The course is open to good swimmers over 12 years of age, will take three weeks and will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Satisfactory completion of the course will qualify the individual for a junior or senior life saving certificate.

Enrollment at the camp totals 27 this week and both Don Porter of Tigard and Ole Johnson of Benson are working with the regular coaching staff this week. An enrollment of over 30 is scheduled for next week.

Perry indicates response to the adult swimming lessons offered just recently had been good.

Review Heard On Jamboree, 1965 Planned

The last regular meeting of the Vernonia Friendship committee was held Tuesday evening with much optimism, to review the events of the past Jamboree and plan for the 1965 celebration.

All who helped make this year a success were given credit for their part. However, committee chairmen who all worked so hard could not have accomplished so much without the cooperation of the community.

Steve Addison was given credit for the remarkable job he did in taking charge of selling buttons and wooden nickles. The time, energy and ingenuity it took to construct the board for the grand prize, toting it around for publicity, etc., was alone no small undertaking.

Betty Curl, who undertook the newest feature, the Hootenanny, is to be commended for her enthusiasm and the energy it took to back it up. Already her plans for the next year are taking shape to make it better. Irene Minger and her assistant, Isabel Anderegg, did an excellent job of chaperoning the court and the committee expressed appreciation for her efforts and to the girls who managed so well on a limited budget. The Jamboree group believes they did credit to Vernonia in the way they conducted themselves.

Many good suggestions were made by all members. The financial success won this year will also help the committee carry out a more extended program.

The interest and enthusiasm shown continues, 1965 should see a very fine Jamboree. The committee extends a hearty thanks to all community organizations and businesses who helped to make the Jamboree possible.

Portland Man Pleads Guilty

Nathan Howard Jr., accused of kidnapping a St. Helens police officer, pleaded guilty to the charge Friday in circuit court.

The 25-year-old Portland man abducted Patrolman Jerry Crippen Saturday evening, June 13 on the outskirts of St. Helens, when the officer stopped the car Howard was driving because the license plate tags had expired.

Howard forced Crippen at gunpoint, to accompany him to the outskirts of Rainier, where the police officer was released unharmed. Howard was apprehended near Centralia, Washington, the next day and returned to Columbia county to face the kidnap charge.

Don Kalberer, Howard's court-appointed attorney, asked for a 60-day stay before sentencing. Circuit Court Judge J. S. Bohannon granted the request for pre-sentence investigation. Sentencing was set for September 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Howard had walked away from a prison work party at Salem June 6. Hew as serving a three-year sentence for burglary at Oregon state prison.

Fire Destroys Lumber Firm

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Holbrook Lumber Co. on the Columbia River highway at St. Helens early Thursday night of last week.

The blaze, discovered about 8:15 p.m., gutted the interior of the building with loss estimated at \$200,000 by the owners.

St. Helens firemen confined the blaze to the lumber firm, saving an adjacent service station and auto agency.

Fireman Rolland Martin Jr. was slightly injured in a fall from a ladder. He was treated at Columbia District hospital and released.

The fire was discovered by Don Freytag, manager, as he was driving past. Cause has not been determined.

The Scappoose fire department had eight men and a truck at the fire and firemen from the forest service were also on hand to aid the St. Helens firemen in conquering the blaze.

School to Start 31st

When August arrives, school can't be far behind and youngsters begin counting the days of vacation that are left.

Registration will take place this year on August 31 and school will be in session all week. Prior to that, on Thursday, August 27, there will be a day of orientation and in-service for new teachers in the district and Friday, August 28 will be an in-service training day for all teachers.

Students will have their first holiday Monday, September 7, which is Labor Day. The annual deer hunting vacation will be Monday and Tuesday, October 5 and 6.

Boise Cascade Given Welcome

A capacity crowd of more than 400 persons was on hand last week at the official welcome of the Boise Cascade corporation to the St. Helens area. The banquet, which was sponsored by the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce, was held in the all purpose room of the St. Helens high school.

Honored speaker for the evening was Governor Mark O. Hatfield, who gave the welcoming address to Boise Cascade and the personnel of the company, many of whom were present.

The governor cited the firm for leadership. In turn, he commended the city of St. Helens for keeping their city attractive for business, and a willingness to work with new industry coming into the community.

He remarked that industries seeking new sites are favorably impressed with areas that offer such excellent outdoor recreation as is available in much of Oregon and particularly in Columbia county.

Robert V. Hansberger, president, Boise Cascade, paid tribute to Crown Zellerbach corporation for their fine cooperation in the transfer of the industry. He declared that Boise Cascade was happy to be a part of the St. Helens scene and predicted mutual growth and appreciation in the future.

Bowlers Reminded

Bowlers are reminded by J. E. Ade, secretary of the Vernonia Bowling association, of a meeting to take place at Dessy's Friday, August 7 at 8 p.m. Anyone interested in bowling during the coming season is urged to be present at that time.

Scaponia Park Project Offers Secluded Camping, Picnic Area

Scaponia park, located about ten miles from Vernonia on the road to Scappoose is a delightful picnic area which is perhaps being overlooked by many due to the fact that a sign has not yet been placed on the road indicating entrance to the park which is not seen from the road.

In September 1962 an announcement was made that a ten-acre tract

of federal O&C land on the East Fork of the Nehalem river was being set aside for a park. It was a part of the 10,000 acres of O&C land within the county managed by the Federal Bureau of Land Management.

The name Scaponia had been chosen for the park because it was adjacent to the highway between Vernonia and Scappoose. It lies between the Walter Fleeter place and the entrance to the Peter-Glenn Tree Farm near the old trestle. Going from Vernonia to Scappoose, it is on the right hand side of the road, and the entrance is marked by a pole fence and posts stained redwood color. A good gravel road leads down the incline into the park.

Development of the park and cost of maintenance is all from funds of the Bureau of Land Management. The park to date has space for a few trailers and camps, and there are numerous picnic tables in the woods with gravel trails leading to them and parking space for cars along the road leading into the park.

There are rest rooms and attractively painted red pitcher pumps for drinking water. The park is so well isolated from the road that one is not aware of traffic which is passing by. It is a pretty woody spot which invites relaxation and persons wishing a nice spot in which to picnic during the remainder of the summer will find it easy to reach and pleasant in every way.

Rules are posted asking cooperation of those who use it in keeping it clean and attractive. It is governed by the same rules posted at all federal park sites. Camping or trailer use is limited to seven days. There is a book in which visitors are asked to register, also.

Antique Display Deadline Noted

With the county fair drawing near, Mrs. Pearl Becker, superintendent of Hobby Hall, wishes to remind that displays for the hobby department and antiques must be brought to the fairgrounds by Wednesday, August 19, 8:00 p.m., so they may be judged on Thursday.

Single items are not listed in the antique department this year. Only collections are. Rock and Gem displays are expected to be greater than previously, so more room will be needed.

Boys at Camp Select Team

The player voted most outstanding at Perry's Sports Camp last week was Jim Hansen, 6'4" all-state basketball player from St. Martins high school, Olympia, Washington. Jim is returning to camp the week of August 16-22.

The all-star team selected by the boys participating last week included Mike Bubalo and Pat Cross, Lincoln high in Portland, Jim Hansen and Ken McGhie, Yonahill-Carlton, and Tom Maloy, Cleveland high, Portland.

The week of August 16 to 22, Paul Durham, Linfield football coach, will be in camp to assist with the football program. Special emphasis will be given to conditioning and fundamentals for high school varsity and junior varsity players. The week of August 23 to 29 is designed for Pop Warner and high school freshmen football players.

During these last two weeks there will still be a complete program in basketball instruction. Don Porter, Tigard high school coach, is assisting Ted Wilson and Paul McCall with the basketball instruction.

Boys from 11 through 19 are eligible to register for any of the remaining sessions. The phone number is HAZel 9-3222.

Picnic To Be On August 16

The Vernonia Society will hold its annual picnic August 16 at Anderson park in Vernonia, according to an announcement made this week by T. F. Keasey, society president. All former residents are invited to return for a reunion on that day with local residents acting as hosts.

There will be a potluck picnic at noon and a business session afterwards. Prizes will be awarded to the oldest man and the oldest woman present who have been residents of the Nehalem valley at any time. The former resident coming the greatest distance for the reunion will also be recognized.

Rites Read for Mrs. Robertson

Mrs. Virena Robertson, 71-year-old resident of the Vernonia community for the past 18 years, passed away Monday at a Portland hospital following an illness of the past year.

Funeral services for Mrs. Robertson were conducted at the Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary Chapel, Vernonia, Tuesday, August 4 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Armstrong, pastor of the Vernonia Assembly of God church, officiated at the services with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Frank singing a duet and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas acting as organist. Elgus and Howard Frank, Donald, Charles, Gary and Delmer Robertson served as casket bearers.

Concluding services and interment for Mrs. Robertson have been scheduled for Friday, August 7, at 11 a.m. at the family plot at the Memorial cemetery, Louisville, Mississippi.

Mrs. Robertson was born December 7, 1892 at Louisville, Mississippi, the daughter of the late W. B. and Frances Miles. She spent all of her life until coming to Vernonia in the Louisville community, all within ten miles of her birthplace. She was united in marriage to George Robertson at Louisville, November 23, 1911 and they were honored upon celebrating their golden wedding anniversary in 1961. They had made their home at 661 2nd street, Vernonia.

Surviving is her husband, George, of Vernonia; five sons, Cleveland, E. V. and Raymond Robertson, all of Vernonia; S. O. Robertson of Eagle Point, and Paul Robertson, Longview; five daughters, Mrs. Virgie Pugh, and Mrs. Don (Mary) O'Connor, both of Lake Grove; Mrs. Charlie (Esther) Ruth and Mrs. Larry (Virginia) McMahon, both of Longview; and Mrs. George (Tharis) King of Corvallis, and 16 grandchildren.

Also surviving are four brothers, Emmitt, J. D., Marion and Clint Miles, and a sister, Mrs. J. T. (Coley) Palmer, all of Louisville.

During her residence in Vernonia, Mrs. Robertson had been a member of the Assembly of God church and especially enjoyed growing and tending her flowers.

Second Swim Plan Offered

The second two-week session of swimming lessons will be offered at Perry's Sports Camp starting August 10. Those enrolled in the present program, who wish to continue, will be assigned to sections according to their swimming ability. New young people who want to start lessons should report to the camp at 8:45 on Monday, August 10.

Nineteen adults are turning out for swim lessons on Tuesday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30. A similar number are enjoying the adult swim on Thursdays at the same time.

The following programs are now functioning:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m., beginners, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m., advanced beginners, 11:00 to 11:45, intermediate;

Tuesday 8:30 to 9:30, adult lessons; Wednesday 8:30 to 9:30, teenage swim; Thursday 8:30 to 9:30, adult swim.

Goodwill Truck Visit Scheduled

A reminder is issued this week that the next visit of the Goodwill truck to Vernonia will be Wednesday, August 19. Those who have things to be picked up may call Mrs. Frank Lange, HAZel 9-3161.

Clothing, furniture, toys and appliances all are needed and can be used in the Goodwill program of employing the handicapped and of supplying items at low cost to those who need them.



VON SMITH of Columbia Photo took these shots of the fire which destroyed the Holbrook Lumber Yard in St. Helens last week. The fire was kept from spreading to adjacent business by the combined efforts of

the St. Helens and Scappoose Fire departments and the Forestry Service. Loss is estimated at upwards of \$250,000. Cause of the blaze has not been determined