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Enrollment in District Rises

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Loggers Open Grid Season Friday Night

Friday evening of this week the Vernonia Logger football season will commence when the local squad will go over the mountain and engage the Clatskanie Tigers. The Loggers will be working hard for this first tilt of 1964 to trounce the river boys because of the two lickings administered to the local eleven in the previous two years.

Coach Bob Wendel is very optimistic this year and expects to be in the win column much more than in previous years. The Vernonia eleven seems to have much more depth than last year according to Wendel.

Last Friday evening, the Loggers scrimmaged among themselves and hard tackling and crisp blocking marked the first appearance of this year's team. Dave Serafin, a JV player, is out with a knee injury and Larry Holsey, first string guard, is out for the season with a knee injury. Holsey's absence will be felt by the local eleven as he was considered one of their top linemen. Other than these two injuries Wendel's charges should be running at full tilt.

Turnout for the Vernonia team this year is marked by the appearance of about 36 hopefuls with 13 seniors.

The starting line-up for Friday evening is as follows:

OFFENSIVE	
RE	Terry Smith
RT	Gunny Cox
RG	Bill Pringle
C	Mark Medges
LG	Charley Robertson
LT	Jerry Hayes
LE	Terry Larson
QB	Jim Bellingham
RH	Dan Steele
LH	Dennis Holsey
FB	Lloyd Johnston
DEFENSIVE	
RE	Joe Curi
RT	Jerry Hayes
RG	Bob Wood
LG	Gunny Cox
LT	Mark Medges
LE	Fred Smith
Left Linebacker	Dennis Holsey
Middle Linebacker	Ray Hartzell
Right Linebacker	John Weller
Safety	Danny Steele
Safety	Terry Smith

Registration of Voters Urged

The Columbia County Labor Council in cooperation with the National AFL-CIO, Oregon AFL-CIO and community and civic groups is sponsoring a cooperative citizens register and vote effort which will get underway here the evening of September 3.

J. P. Bartlett, council secretary, will be inviting representatives of the two major political parties, service clubs, civic groups, churches, business and professional groups to join with the citizens of labor on a non-partisan voter registration campaign.

The meeting will plan means by which to reach the maximum number of potential voters with special attention to getting citizens registered by the October 3, deadline who are not registered. This requires the cooperation of city and county officials and all who are able to reach groups of people, Bartlett emphasized.

News media in Columbia county has been most cooperative in publicizing voter registration efforts, Bartlett added.

More Highway Work Intended

Further work on highway 47 within the city limits is a possibility yet this year according to word from Phil B. Huntley, district highway engineer who is in charge of this area.

He indicated a few days ago in a note to Lester Sheeley that an attempt will be made to install part of a guard rail along the O A hill part of the road this fall. If it is possible for the highway department to do some of the work, they will install half the rail this year and the remainder next year.



DICK MAGRUDER, left, with his champion 4-H Short-horn heifer, received 4-H Jacket Award from George Heuring, manager of Western Farmers Association, St. Helens store.

Mental Health Topics Talked

A task force of 75 mental health experts met at the Village Green near Cottage Grove on Sunday and Monday, August 30 and 31 for the purpose of making final recommendations to the Oregon Mental Health planning board.

Those attending were professional persons in mental health who volunteered their time to study and make recommendations on such subjects as the relation of alcoholism to mental health, the manpower shortage in mental health and financing hospital costs.

"The growing importance of mental disturbance and its resulting problems in our state is apparent when you realize that some 50,000 people in Oregon are totally incapacitated due to mental illness of varying degrees and an additional 150,000 are partially incapacitated for the same reason and that another 200,000 are suffering severe and various forms of emotional and mental distress," stated Judge Whipple who had just returned from the above mentioned meeting where he participated as a member of the executive committee of the state mental health board. "Great strides are being made by the mental health boards in 20 counties in the state of which Columbia is one, particularly in helping patients both before and after their return from the state hospital. The social and economic impact of mental health in Columbia county is indicated when one realizes that some 30 patients are court-committed to the state hospital each year and that an equal number go on a volunteer basis and that in addition there are a large number of mentally and emotionally disturbed persons that never come to the attention of the court," said the judge.

Shipman Gets Sheriff Post

Glen Shipman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shipman of Vernonia, has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Yamhill county sheriff by Sheriff W. L. Mekkers, according to word received by his parents this week. The appointment was announced September 6 in the McMinnville News-Register.

Shipman, whose home is in McMinnville, filled a vacancy created when Deputy Gary Hering resigned to accept a teaching position in Sheridan. He will work two nights and three days each week as an investigator and a member of the night patrol.

Shipman is a native of Vernonia and went through school here, after which he did a hitch in the navy. Following his discharge he accepted a position with the Oregon State police at St. Helens and for the past 11 years he has been serving the state police in the McMinnville division.

In making the appointment, Sheriff Mekkers termed Shipman "a top officer and an excellent addition to the staff."

4-H Award Won at Fair

Dick Magruder, 4-H club member from Clatskanie and the son of Dr. and Mrs. Kent Magruder, was the winner of the 4-H jacket award at the 1964 Columbia county fair. The jacket is given by George Heuring of the Western Farmers association store in St. Helens.

This is the third annual 4-H jacket award given by Western Farmer's association. The first award in 1962 was won by Margaret Swanson of Rainier. The 1963 award was given to Margaret Magruder, sister of this year's winner.

Dick is a nine-year 4-H club member and is this year enrolled in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, poultry and crops projects. He was selected to attend National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in 1962 for his outstanding work in his swine projects and was selected this year to have his 4-H records compete for a National 4-H Achievement award which will be judged in October.

A graduate of the Clatskanie Union high school in June, Dick plans to attend Willamette University this fall.

Awards Few on Entries at Fair

In reports from 4-H club judging at the Oregon state fair, very few from this area have received awards. This is probably due to the fact that the 4-H activity in this area has been at a low ebb for the past few years so there are probably not many exhibiting this year.

Heather Higgenbotham of Timber route, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Higgenbotham took a blue award for her skirt and also for her nut bread. Sandra Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Potter of Vernonia, received a red award on her skirt and Kathy Tomlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tomlin received a red award for her nut bread.

A white award went to Helen Higgenbotham for her skirt and to Zenda Ellis for her food entry.

For outdoor cooks, one twister, Craig Bergerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bergerson and Craig Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Ellis, took red awards and Ricky Holce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Holce, took a white award.

These are the only names appearing in reports received to date. Other reports are received daily.

County Issues 26 Work Permits

The 26 permits issued by the Columbia county building department during August had a total valuation of \$39,041.

Included were four new homes with combined value of \$21,500, and 16 permits for residence alterations or additions at a total cost of \$14,391.

During the first eight months of 1964 the department issued 180 permits for work costing a total of \$745,871.

Services Held For Mrs. Fuiten

Mrs. Hattie C. Fuiten, 78 year old resident of the Forest Grove community since 1936, passed away September 2 after having been in failing health most of the year.

Funeral services conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Carl Mason of the First Methodist church, were held Saturday, September 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary in Forest Grove. Concluding rites and entombment were at the Forest View cemetery mausoleum.

Mrs. Fuiten was a native of Horicon, Dodge county, Wisconsin, where she was born February 17, 1886. In 1904 she moved with her family to New Richmond, Wisconsin where she lived until coming to Oregon in 1936. After coming here she first lived west of Gaston and then in 1938 the family moved to a home on Willamina Avenue in Forest Grove where she lived for 24 years. Two years ago she moved to her present home at 1911 Hawthorne street, Forest Grove.

She was united in marriage to Ben H. Fuiten at New Richmond, Wisconsin on August 25, 1909 and they observed their 55th wedding anniversary two weeks ago. She suffered a stroke August 27 which led to her death September 2.

Mrs. Fuiten had been a lifelong member of the Methodist church. She was also a member of the Gale Grange at Forest Grove and served as the Grange musician for a number of years. She had been a woman of many hobbies, taking special interest in sewing, textile painting, growing cactus, etc.

Surviving is her husband, Ben H. Fuiten, Forest Grove; and six children, Mrs. Ann Hanold, Forest Grove; Mrs. Keith (Mary Jane) Howe, Le Puente, California; Rev. John H. Fuiten, Aloha; Robert L. and James B. Fuiten, both of Forest Grove and David C. Fuiten, Hillsboro.

Also surviving is a brother, Harold Kruschke, Petaluma, California; a sister, Mrs. Moody Ryan, Albuquerque, New Mexico; 15 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Two other sons, Orville and George preceded her in death.

Work on Site Job Near End

The site work at Wauna for the new \$15 million Crown Zellerbach tissue mill is nearing completion, according to company officials.

This phase of the work is slated for completion this month, and work on the building foundation is scheduled to begin about the same time.

Contractors have moved about 600,000 yards of fill material, and placed 1000 pounds of sand per square foot on the site of the paper machine building to settle the ground prior to placing the foundation.

Construction of the dock along the waterfront is underway. The main section for oceangoing vessels will be 90 feet wide and 500 feet long with a 10-foot wide, 550-foot long extension upstream from the main dock for barge loading.

In 1952 when the present Vernonia high school building was being erected, there were dire predictions that "when the mill closed" it would be a building standing empty or at least with many unused rooms.

This year, that lacks much of being the case, for a steady climb in enrollment the past several years brings the high school enrollment figure to 204 as of Wednesday of this week. This compares to the first week enrollment in 1963 of 183 and the first week enrollment in 1962 of 167.

Of the 204 enrolled, there are 55 freshmen, 55 sophomores, 38 juniors and 56 seniors.

Total elementary school enrollment as of Wednesday was 493, which, added to the high school enrollment, gives a total of 697 students attending the four schools in district 47J.

By schools, Mist has a total of 34 in the first six grades. In the room taught by Mrs. Grace Mathews, there are four first graders, six second graders and eight third graders for a total of 18. Robert Sargent, vice-principal, has in his room three fourth graders, five fifth graders and eight sixth graders for a total of 16.

At Lincoln school there are 78 students in the first three grades, Mrs. Roy Stockwell has 24 first graders, Mrs. Velva Christensen has 26 second graders and Miss Beverlee Markegard has 28 third graders.

At Washington school, as of Wednesday, there are 381 students with the breakdown by grades as follows: Kindergarten, Mrs. Faith Reynolds, 22 in the morning class and 24 in the afternoon class; first grade, Mrs. Gladys Worthington, 26; second, Miss Sunny DeHart, 21; third grade, Mrs. Noma Callister, 30; fourth grade, Mrs. Rose Steen 24 and Mrs. Lucille Green 24; fifth grade, Mrs. Evelyn Heath 20 and Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson 22; sixth grade, William How-

ard 26 and Mrs. Maude Wells 27; seventh grade, Wayne Markham 31 and Daniel Lawler 28; eighth grade, Mrs. Dorothy Sandon 28 and James Johns 28.

The total enrollment by schools as compared to the first week in 1963 is as follows: Mist, 1963, 33 and 1964, 34; Washington, 1963, 354 and 1964, 381; Lincoln, 1963, 69 and 1964, 78; high school, 1963, 183 and 1964, 204.

First week enrollment figure totals for the district during the past five years have been as follows: 1960, 619; 1961, 592 (the only year to show a drop); 1962, 635; 1963, 639 and 1964, 697.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. W. M. White of Lincoln Street Lutheran church at the Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary Chapel in Forest Grove Thursday (September 10) at 2:00 p.m.

Don Becker will be the soloist and Mrs. Gordon Merrill the organist.

Concluding services will be at the Union Point cemetery, Banks, with John Bailey, John Fellas, Delmer Bellish, Oral Varley, Jack Justice and Otto Geortzen serving as casket-bearers.

Mrs. Kirk was born July 16, 1876 in Union, Illinois, the daughter of Hartwell M. and Linda Davis. She was united in marriage to George E. Kirk August 18, 1897. He preceded her in death in 1957. They moved to Oregon in 1919.

Surviving are five children: Mrs. S. H. (Lavona) Peterson, Buxton; Mrs. Charles (Ione) Justice, Vernonia; Leelin Kirk, Buxton; Clarence, Molalla and Arthur Jr., Bray, California; 14 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Others who mourn her death are several children, raised in their home, and a host of friends.

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Past Resident Taken by Death

Julia E. Kirk, 86, former resident of Buxton and Vernonia communities, died September 6 at the Rest Harbor Nursing Home in Gresham.

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State Announces Project Hearing

The state highway department has announced plans for proposed right-of-way acquisition on the Rainier-Delena section of the Lower Columbia River highway.

A public hearing on the proposed project is scheduled for September 21. Persons who are interested and desire a hearing on the subject, should make their request to the Rainier city council on or before Monday, September 21, according to Floyd Query, secretary of the Oregon state highway commission.

The proposed route, relocating a section of the Lower Columbia River highway would eliminate the Rainier hill section of highway 30.

Moonlight Sale Being Planned

Further preparations are being made this week for an event that is scheduled to take place the latter part of this month. It is the Moonlight sidewalk sale which Vernonia merchants are preparing for along with a street dance, weather permitting.

Lloyd Quinn, chairman of the chamber of commerce retail trades committee, along with several others have been working on details for the affair. Earlier this week they indicated about 20 merchants have said they wish to take part in the event, the first of its kind to be held here.

Police Arrest Bank Robber

A man walked into the Bank of St. Helens Thursday morning, September 3, handed the teller a note demanding \$300, then waited for police to come and arrest him. Police took the man into custody, and after questioning him, released him to his family.

The FBI office in Portland later announced that a bank at Oak Grove was robbed Thursday afternoon, the first time in the history of the state that two bank robberies have been attempted on the same day.

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