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Mist Circle Plans Annual Entertainment

This Saturday evening, at 8:00 p.m., the Mist Helping Circle will present their annual benefit program in the Mist gym. The evening will start with a home talent variety show which will include musical numbers and skits. Those who have attended the program in past years know that an interesting evening of entertainment is always provided. Following the program there will be an auction of homemade articles, home produce, baked items, home made candies and other items. This will be followed by carnival-type games and refreshments will be sold. Good cooks of that area will prepare the finest of their cakes, pies and other items there to tempt appetites. Money derived from the annual event is used for such community projects as maintaining the street lights and upkeep of the cemetery. Usually, sufficient funds are taken to care for the projects during the year. An invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

School to Host College Team

Vernonia high school will host a basketball team from the Oregon state system of higher education institutions on November 23 at 9:00 a.m. Planned to supplement the high school guidance program, representation of the Oregon public colleges will give first hand information about academic offerings, requirements for admission, tuition and fees and scholarship opportunities at the various schools.

Students who have the ability to do college work will be urged to seek education beyond high school and will be encouraged to pursue the type of post-high school training to prepare for future careers. Parents are urged to discuss these possibilities with their high school sons and daughters before and after the conference.

Scheduled for the program are: J. Richard Pizzo, executive secretary, high school-college relations; Stanley Boyon, assistant registrar, Oregon College of Education; Frank D. Standish, director of placement and services, Oregon Technical Institute; Lewis Douglas, coordinator of high school relations, Portland Community College; Harlan E. Palmer, dean of students, Cascade College.

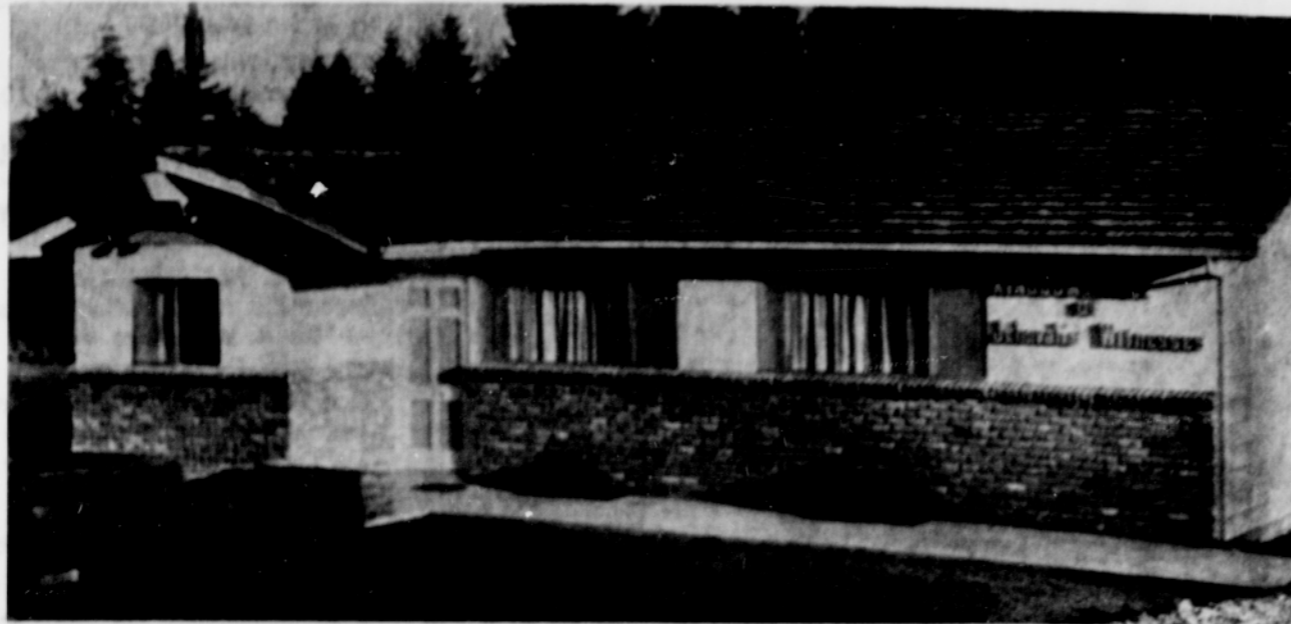
Conference Attended

Mrs. Marvin Kamholz, Vernonia high school French teacher, attended the Oregon state foreign language conferences at Gearhart last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The information sessions were attended by foreign language teachers from throughout the state.

Speaker Emphasizes Value of Education

The November PTA meeting was held Monday evening at the Washington grade school. During the business portion of the meeting, some pros and cons of parent-teacher conferences were heard. Superintendent J. W. Acaituri informed the PTA that the matter was under discussion at the schools but that nothing definite had been decided. Darrold Proehl, grade school principal, suggested that perhaps by the end of the first semester something could be started in this area. There were varied opinions at the conferences, ranging from "they definitely ought to be held" to "most of the parents will not cooperate."

Various projects for using the PTA were discussed. Proehl suggested that a pre-school swing set in the playground would be very useful. Acaituri then said that there is a need for money to send groups of students to various festivals, etc. The Foreign Exchange program was discussed. It would cost \$50 to send a local student to a foreign country. Harold McEntire stated that of all the applicants to the program, only one out of 80 is accepted.



WITH construction completed, the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will dedicate their new hall Saturday evening. The structure is located in First Addition to the OA hill, the new building area being developed in that area.

Congregation to Dedicate New Kingdom Hall Saturday Evening

Formal dedication of the new Kingdom Hall being completed on O.A. hill by the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will be held at 7:30 p.m., this Saturday, November 21, with Norman Larsen, city servant of Portland giving the discourse, according to L. H. Todd, presiding minister.

Todd further stated that open house will be held from noon Saturday and the public is cordially invited to stop by.

When the Vernonia congregation was formed February 1, 1962 it numbered 15, and used the small area in the theater building as a temporary Kingdom Hall. The need of a larger meeting place readily became apparent as the congregation steadily increased to its present 33, all

Trades Group Plans Future

Members of the retail trades committee of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce met this week to make plans for a cooperative effort on the part of all merchants to make the Christmas season a good one in Vernonia.

Tentative information was that the chamber of commerce planned to offer a \$25 prize, to be applied to chamber of commerce membership, for the merchant with the best decorated window. Details will be released later as to rules to be followed.

The committee also laid tentative plans for a holiday ball and for Christmas caroling in the city shopping area. It also is possible that late shopping hours will be established. Creod Morgan and Bill Rundle, members of the retail trade committee, will contact merchants to determine sentiments on all these matters.

Various plans for Christmas sales promotions also were discussed.

Other members of the committee are Lloyd Quinn, Doris Skidmore and Stona Serafin.

active in public education of the Bible.

This past summer the property on Texas avenue was purchased and Crown Construction company framed the building to the roof. From there volunteer workers took over.

Each weekend a flurry of activity was noted. The first weekend the select shakes purchased locally went on the roof. From there things progressed rapidly as skilled craftsmen from neighboring congregations came in to help the local volunteers.

Cement finishers installed the sidewalks, the used brick front went on, the sheetrock was taped and finished, plumbing installed, hardwood floors laid and finished, tile entries and planter installed, the gas furnace and the carpet for the stage was installed professionally. Fisher's Electric did the electrical work. Everything else was handled by the Witnesses themselves.

The women of the congregation had their share too. They provided a good hot meal for the workers each Saturday and Sunday.

L. H. Todd, presiding minister, states, "that the results of all this effort has been a professionally built building, which he hopes will be a credit to the community and an advancement of Christianity in the Vernonia area."

Event Set for Saturday Night

All those who have tickets for the Youth Rally banquet at the EUB church Saturday evening are reminded that the event will start at 6:30 p.m. Youth groups from neighboring communities are expected also. The age limits are 12 years through college age, but the ministers and advisors are included.

Jerry Johnson from radio station KPDK in Portland will speak following the chicken dinner prepared by Friar Tuck.

Church dress is the recognized attire.

Union Rite Date Given

Union Thanksgiving services next Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. will be held at the Christian church on North street and an invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

Pastors of the various churches will be participating as follows: Invocation, Rev. Raymond P. Targart, EUB church; song leader, Rev. Robert Sargent, Christian church; scripture reading, Rev. Sulo Sanders, Mist-Birkenfeld community church; prayer, Rev. L. A. DuBose, Baptist church; sermon, Rev. Zenos Parsho, Timber Friends church.

Special music will be provided by the high school choir directed by James Fiske.

Phone Company Tax Bill Higher

West Coast Telephone company officials are paying \$969,517 in local property taxes for the company at 14 county courthouses in Oregon this week.

The largest check involved is the one for \$304,591 made out to Washington county, according to West Coast's Oregon division manager, Lyle E. Cross. It represents an increase of \$55,917 over the company's Washington county tax payment a year ago.

In Columbia county, their 1964 payment was \$15,155 compared to \$14,981 in 1963.

Cross said that West Coast's total county property tax bill in Oregon this year was up more than \$13,628 over the 1963 figure \$755,889. Most of the increase was recorded in two counties. Besides the \$55,917 advance in Washington county, there was a hike of \$15,011 in Coos county.

Cross said that more than \$5,000,000 of the revenues from West Coast subscribers in Oregon, Washington and northwest California are paid out in federal, state and local taxes annually.

Rainer Wins Game

Rainier's alumni football team won their encounter with the Vernonia alumni last Sunday afternoon by a 14-6 score. The affair was a benefit for the athletic departments of the two schools and drew a fair attendance.



FOUR Loggers won mention for their football ability in the A-2 Cowapa all-league selection of players by coaches in the league, three of them being voted to first team positions and one for honorable mention. Mark Medges, left, was voted first team center, honorable mention on defense and given a berth on the A-2

all-tate fifth team; Danny Steele, first team halfback, honorable mention on defense and also given honorable mention in A-2 all-state; Jim Bellingham, honorable mention, quarterback; Bill Pringle, first team guard.

Street, Water Problems Take Most of Council Meeting Time

In the absence of Mayor T. M. Hobart Monday evening, Councilman C. E. Miller presided over a session that dealt largely with street and water problems. One exception was the final reading and passage of an ordinance establishing a fire truck fund.

Irvin Leffler was present to ask the council's intentions relative to water and sewer extensions to his new home now under construction at the north end of Louisiana avenue on OA hill. He also was concerned about the rocking of the road to the property.

Information supplied by the council indicated that water would be extended when needed at cost of the established connection fee; that the sewer connection is to follow the existing agreement whereby the city furnishes the materials and Leffler makes the installation at his own expense plus the \$250 connection fee and with regard to the street, the

council minutes of July 6, 1964 were quoted as follows: "To establish a uniform general policy regarding the development of new streets in areas where streets have been platted but not opened, it was agreed to maintain such streets only after they had been brought to grade, ditched and ballasted to the satisfaction of city street authorities."

A motion was approved to draw an ordinance setting water rates for users in the Riverview area at the same amount as for the Riverside addition. This would place a monthly charge of \$4.25 for water plus a surcharge of \$1.50 for future sewer installation.

Water Superintendent Lee Jesse was authorized to use his own judgment in installing water line extensions and services in the Riverview distribution area.

The city marshal is checking the qualifications of the only applicant for police duty. Councilmen generally expressed the opinion that police officers should be residents of the city. No agreement was reached as to a solution for the police problems.

Rites Held for Area Pioneer

Abraham Counts, 93-year-old resident of the northwest part of Oregon since 1903, died in a Roseburg nursing home following an extended illness. He was a resident of Vernonia until just shortly before he passed away.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fulten-Fuiesen Mortuary Chapel, in Vernonia.

Elder Pleasant Stark, pastor, and Elder Lawrence Bryant, assistant pastor of the Primitive Baptist church of Portland, where Mr. Counts was a member, officiated at the services, with Mrs. Lorraine Jones as soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas as organist.

Concluding rites and interment were in the Pioneer cemetery on Rock Creek with T. F. Keasey, Ron McDonald, Walt Parker, Cass Bergerson, Clyde May and Bob Spencer as casketbearers.

Abraham Counts was born March 23, 1871 in Counts Crossing, Kentucky, the son of George and Elizabeth Counts. He spent all of his early life there until his marriage to Isabel Hall on October 20, 1896 in McDowell, Kentucky. To this union were born 11 children.

In April of 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Counts and three of their children moved to Rainier and the following year moved to a farm on Rock Creek near Vernonia. This was their home until July of 1912 when they moved to Sublett, Idaho where they took a homestead. After two years they moved back to Vernonia and lived on the farm until 1933. Mr. Counts traded his farm in Vernonia for one in Roseburg where he lived until April of 1946 when they once again moved back to Vernonia. Mrs. Counts passed away in Vernonia in June of 1947.

In September of 1955 Mr. Counts was united in marriage to Mrs. Erie Knapp who preceded him in death August 21 of this year.

In addition to farming, he did carpenter work and built several houses in Vernonia.

He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Julia Boeck, Parker, Arizona; Mrs. Elizabeth Cochran, Palm Springs, California; Mrs. Pearl Gordon and Mrs. Arlene Himan, both of San Jose, California; Mrs. Eva Jean DeVaney, Snohomish, Washington; Herbert, Clifford, Johnny, Arnold and Hawley Counts, all of Roseburg; 19 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. One son, Millard preceded him in death.

County Vote Tops Average

Columbia county can well be proud of its percentage of voters who trekked to the polls to make their wants known, if national figures released are any indication. According to Associated Press figures, the national average of voters who exercised their voting right was 60.8. So far, Utah leads the states with 75.9 percent of its voting age citizens casting ballots.

In Columbia county 83.43 percent of the registered voters went to the polls, a healthy indication that the residents of this county are keeping abreast of county and national affairs and doing their bit by voting.

Alarm Answered Mon.

Members of the Vernonia fire department who were attending a first aid class at the union hall, took hasty leave last Monday evening when the fire siren sounded shortly after 7:30 p.m. The call stemmed from a short circuit in a coin box at the laundromat. Other than damage to the coin box involved, minor damage stemmed from the necessity of breaking through the wall to determine if fire had penetrated to the back room. Access was not available through a door.

Board to Meet

The meeting of the advisory board of the Mental Health Clinic, which was not held on November 9, has been set for Monday evening, November 23, at 8:00 p.m. at the senior high school in St. Helens. At that time the planning committee will present its conclusions following the recent survey of services most needed in the community. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting, according to Miss Anita Niewoehner, social worker.