

## Chamber Plans Sponsorship of Holiday Lighting

Mrs. Launee Cousins, chairman of the annual holiday lighting contest sponsored by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, stated at the board meeting Monday evening that the same rules as given last year will be followed to determine the winners.

The rules are as follows:

1. Purpose—"to stimulate participation by all residents in an overall effort to bring a spirit of warmth, brightness and friendliness to our city of Vernonia during the holiday season."

2. Contest will begin December 5 and end December 18.

3. Winners will be selected on the basis of artistic merit, originality, lighting techniques and ingenuity. Judging will be limited to outside residential displays only.

4. Boundaries for contest will extend from Pittsburg on north to Timber route junction with Sunset highway on south.

5. No display will be considered eligible for prize unless it is registered. There will be no charge for registration. Purpose of registering is to insure that all those wishing to be judged by categories will re-

ceive a fair evaluation. Without registration it is possible that some houses could be missed—this the committee wishes to avoid.

6. Registration coupons will appear in this paper next week. These coupons may be mailed to the Vernonia Eagle or to Mrs. Launee Cousins, Mist Rt., Vernonia. Entries may also be made by post card sent to above. Entries must include name of contestant, address and category in which entry is made. Entries will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 18. Judging of entries will begin at 7:00 p.m. the evening of December 18.

7. There will be three categories in which prizes will be awarded for residential displays. Religious, which will include Nativity scenes, etc.; illumination, which will be displays made mostly with lights; and Santa Claus, which will include decorating done in the Santa theme.

8. There will be a first, second and third prize in each category, plus a sweepstakes award.

9. First, second and third prizes will also be given to commercial entries who may decorate in any manner they wish. Commercial entries will be limited to those businesses who pay an occupational license in the city.

Judges will be selected from out of town.

The committee urges everyone to decorate their homes whether they enter the contest or not in order to add to the attractiveness of the community during the holiday season. Placing decorations as early as possible also is urged since other communities have decorations in place now.

Information is that the Lions club and others assisting them with placing decorations in the downtown area will be doing that December 5 to set the tone for the holiday season.

## Bjornson Rites Held Tuesday

Mindy J. Bjornson, 60, who had been a resident of the Vernonia community for most of the past 41 years, died at his home in Vernonia Friday evening following an illness of the past 10 months.

Funeral services were conducted at the Evangelical United Brethren church Tuesday, November 24 at 2 p.m. with arrangements entrusted to the Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary.

The church pastor, Rev. Raymond Targgart, officiated with Mrs. Frank Serafin as soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas as organist. Concluding rites and interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with four of his nephews, Robert, Harold, Gordon and Marvin Crowston, Jack Odum and Jim Cox serving as casket bearers.

The son of the late John and Emma Bjornson, Mindy John Bjornson was born at Sherwood, North Dakota September 23, 1904. After receiving his education in North Dakota he came as a young man to the West Coast and thence to Vernonia when the Oregon American Lumber company opened its mill here in 1924. He spent most of his life working in the lumber industry and lived at Vernonia until 1959 when he moved to Corvallis. In February of this year when his health failed, he returned to Vernonia.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Ruby Moore Bjornson, to whom he was united in marriage at Vancouver in 1941; two daughters, Mrs. Lynn (Patricia) Michener, Vernonia, and Mrs. Dan (Janice) Mason, Cornelius; and four grandchildren.

Also surviving are three brothers, Sam Bjornson, Salem, Steve of Portland and John, Twin Falls, Idaho; and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Crowston, Vernonia, and Mrs. Josie Eskildsen, Portland. Three brothers preceded him in death, Percy and Paul in 1947 and Barney in 1959.

## Death Claims Early Resident

Funeral services were conducted for Effie Harriett Barrett, 74, of Gales Creek Saturday, November 21, at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Prickett's Mortuary in Forest Grove. Committal rites followed with vault entombment in the Valley Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Effie Harriett Wells was born November 5, 1890 in Vernonia, the daughter of William E. and Ollive Davidson Wells. As a young child she moved with her parents to the Gales Creek area where she attended school. Her high school education was received in Oregon City.

She was united in marriage to Benjamin E. Barrett, September 15, 1907 on her parent's farm near Forest Grove. Mr. Barrett preceded her in death August 21, 1960.

Since then she has spent much of her time with her children in Vernonia and Portland.

Surviving are two children, Melvin E. Barrett of Vernonia and Mrs. Aileen Koblegarde of Portland; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; a brother, Howard T. Wells of Klamath Falls, a sister, Mrs. Gladys Suss of Portland.

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## Many Seniors Of May Class Take Training

It is always interesting to know what paths members of each high school graduating class follow and it has been the custom each fall to give information concerning them when information could be assembled.

Of the 31 students who graduated at Vernonia high school last May, 14 have enrolled in some type of training beyond high school. This includes colleges, universities and trade schools. This makes a very good record for the class.

Those now in other schools include Betty Armstrong, Willamette University, Salem; Martha Bush, Southern Oregon College, Ashland; Edward Kamholz, Clark College, Vancouver; Phillip Meyer, Clatsop College, Astoria; Lea Ann Ramsey, Cascade College, Portland; Patricia Rundle, University of Montana; Karen Russell, Northwest Nazarene College, Idaho; Jean Sargent, Minnesota Bible School, Minneapolis; Kathy Barker Martha Mangat and Carol Chandler, Beaverton Business School; Delbert Bush, McKenzie's Auto Body and Fender School; Ruth Hugley, Medical Secretarial and Assistants School; and Walter Hascall who has enrolled in the job opportunity training program at Southwestern Oregon College, Coos Bay.

Three boys have entered the service. They are Jerome Haines, US air force; Dale Hill, US navy and Donald Robertson, US air force.

Most of the others have employment. Nicholas Berg is busy running the family ranch at Birkenfeld, Henry Bodenhamer is employed by Crown Zellerbach, Bert Snyder works for Art Ostrander and Darwin Welch is at Deans Market.

Others who have gone afield for jobs include Helen Ekhoff who is with the Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company in Portland; Duane Justice, Oregon Primate Center, Beaverton; James Lucore, Dick's Concrete Works, Portland; Jeannie Mason, Rogers Organ company, Forest Grove; Richard Weaver, Kysers-Gypsum, St. Helens and Louis Violette, Timber Structures, Portland. Gary Jones also was at Timber Structures but is now employed locally.

Two of the girls, as far as could be learned, are at home. They are Charlene Haskins and Hattie Roberts of Mist.

Gary Thompson and his family have moved from this area and information concerning him was not available.

## Owners Told of Renewal Time

Owners of trucks, busses, trailers and motorcycles currently licensed in Oregon may start purchasing renewals next Tuesday, December 1, according to the department of motor vehicles.

Application for renewal for the next quarter, half or full year period can be filed at any field office of the department or by mail.

Truck owners are urged to apply as soon as possible to insure obtaining validated registrations and stickers before the expiration date on the license.

Applications for trucks not currently licensed will not be accepted until the end of December, department spokesmen said.



VOLUNTEER firemen sharpened their skill Monday night at a practice burn at 114 1/2 Columbia street. Drill Master Don Webb directed the practice for which firemen were called by the regular alarm system after

the house had been fueled and fired by department members. The house was owned by Deri Roberts and Bill Horn.

## School Confab Attracts Group

Arthur Bellingham, school board chairman; David Brunsman, board member; Mrs. Mona Gordon, clerk and J. W. Acaiturri, superintendent, represented school district 47J at the November 18-20 Oregon School Boards association, Oregon Association of School Administrators and Oregon School Clerks association convention held at the Portland Hilton hotel.

The various problems of school organization and administration were examined in discussion groups. In addition, state and national educational figures spoke on current and pending problems confronting education.

Acaiturri was a member of the panel which examined the Oregon small high school. Work of the Oregon small high school committee was discussed with changing instructional and curricular innovations in the small high school being the main topic.

## School Seeks A-2 Transfer

The Oregon School Activities Association is expected to take formal action this week end on the formal transfer of Scappoose Union high school from the A-1 Wilco league to the A-2 Cowapa league.

The transfer will not interfere with the remainder of the 1964-65 school year for which all scheduled athletic activities will remain in the Wilco league.

Schools in the Cowapa league now include Hood River, Concordia, Vernonia, North Catholic, Rainier, Warrenton, Clatskanie, Seaside, Neah-Kah-Nie and Banks. However, it is understood that Banks is requesting a transfer to another league, which will probably be effective with the beginning of the 1965-66 school year.

The request by Scappoose for the transfer has been approved by both Wilco and Cowapa league officials.

## Park Members Name Chairman

Members of the Columbia county park commission have named Vernon Griffen, St. Helens, chairman.

Park commission members took the action at the November meeting, when they heard reports on use of county parks during the past season. The chairman reported that the gates at Camp Wilkerson have been locked for the winter. Park superintendent Frank Patton and Chairman Griffen have the keys that will be issued to authorized visitors.

The county park commission meets the second Thursday of each month at the city hall council chambers in St. Helens. Other members on the commission include: Griffen, chairman; June Simmons, Scappoose; Neil Zimmerman, Vernonia; Don Parcher, Rainier, and Robert Sandstrom, Clatskanie.

## Youth Group Requests Listing of Curfew Law

A local youth group has requested a reprinting of curfew regulations for Vernonia so that youth in the age limits specified by the law may be informed of the requirements and comply with them.

City ordinance No. 313, passed in 1951 establishes the following regulations:

It states that it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 to be on the streets or in public places in the city between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. during the months of September, October, November, December, January, February, March and April. For the remaining months, May, June, July and August, the hours are stated as from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. It further states that these hours must be observed unless the person under 18 years of age is accompanied by a parent, guardian or suitable adult.

Certain exceptions are allowed, including actual travel from or to places of employment, school, religious meetings, or errands of mercy or emergency under the direction of parent or guardian, or going to or from places of recreation, or amusement with the consent of a parent or guardian.

The ordinance specifies that it shall be the duty of the officers, on a first offense to take the offender into custody and notify the parents or guardian, or to have the child taken home.

If after such notification, the par-

## Vets Property Taxes Increase

The average ex-GI with an Oregon veterans' farm and home loan paid a property tax of \$306 this year, a 10 percent increase over the \$278 he paid last year and 15 percent above his 1962 payment of \$265.

This figure was reported by H. C. Saalfeld, director of the state department of veterans' affairs, which paid \$8,771,394 in 1964-65 taxes this month on the properties of 28,629 World War II and Korean veterans who have state loans. Last year's tax payment was \$7,497,258 on 26,968 properties.

In Columbia county, the tax on 334 properties was 98,206.25. The average tax here was \$294, compared to the statewide average of \$306.

The borrower pays his taxes monthly to the state veterans' department along with his loan repayment. The department in turn pays the tax collector, and does it before November 15 to earn the veteran a three percent discount. The discount this year saved the veteran \$271,000.

## Demos to Rally

A Democratic Victory Rally will be held Friday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Moose Hall in St. Helens.

This will be a pot luck dinner and entertainment will be furnished. All interested Democrats and party workers are invited to attend.

For further information contact Jerry Violette at 387-0821, St. Helens.

## Scenic Board Slates Hearing

The Oregon scenic area board will hold a public hearing Tuesday, December 1, in Seaside, to consider designations of three scenic areas in Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington and Columbia counties.

The hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Seaside hotel.

The first area begins at a point two miles south of Cannon Beach junction on US101 in Clatsop county and extends southerly 8.68 miles to the north portal of Arch Cape tunnel, except for an .82-mile section inside the Cannon Beach city limits. Petitioner for this area is the Oregon Roadside Council.

The second area, submitted by a different petitioner, covers much of the same section on US101. This seven-mile area begins at a point 2.5 miles south of the Cannon Beach junction and ends 1.18 miles north of the north portal of Arch Cape tunnel. Excluded are 2.64 miles from Cannon Beach's north city limits to the south end of Cannon Beach frontage road. Petitioner for this area is the Cannon Beach Commercial club.

The third area, 35 miles in length, on US26 (Sunset Highway) begins at a point 0.63 miles east of Necanicum junction and ends at a point 0.50 miles west of the Nehalem Highway junction west of Manning. This area lies in Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington and Columbia counties. Excluded are 2.50 miles at Elsie and 2.00 miles at Vernonia road junction. This area extends on both sides of the highway, except for a three-mile section between Elsie and Jewell junction, where it is on the south side only. Petitioner for this area is the Oregon Council of Outdoor Advertising.

Construction of billboards is prohibited from highway sections designated as scenic areas. Existing signs must be removed from this area within seven years. Incorporated cities and heavy commercial areas are exempted.

## TV Program to Feature Trees

"Christmas Trees — Their Production and Use" will be the subject of the television program "Town and Country" at 7 a.m., Sunday, November 29 on Channel 8, KGW-TV. Don Coin Walrod, Columbia county extension agent, will show Christmas tree species, production practices and certain suggestions for use and care of trees for best results.



FIFTEEN swans rested on the lagoon for a short time Friday and were photographed on their take-off by Bill Rundle. The swans were also here earlier this year on April 17. Seventeen of them landed on the lagoon that day.