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Planners Name Chairman

Jim Davies was elected as chairman of the Vernonia city planning commission for 1965 at the regular meeting held last week. Dave Banta was named as secretary.

Retiring chairman, Bill Horn, announced that Cyrus R. Nims of the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, state board of higher edu-

cation, will be a guest of the planning commission at the first meeting in January of the city council. At this time, Nims will present to the city a Vernonia planning project which will include a survey of existing land use and the preparation of a land use map, an evaluation of population trends, an evaluation of

the street system and the sewer and water systems as they relate to land use planning and preparation of a preliminary land use and street plan.

Nims brings this study to the city under the Urban Planning Assistance program. It is financed through a \$2000 grant from the U. S. Housing and Home Finance agency and a \$1000 appropriation from the city of Vernonia.

In other business, the commission voted to recommend a house numbering plan as submitted by Ralph Keasey. This will be brought back before the city council for consideration in January.

The commission also voted to recommend to the city council that services of the county health authority be contacted to assist in control of an increasing rat population in the city.

Present members of the commission are Banta, Warren Aldrich, Herb Sturdevant, Henry Hudson, Horn, Keasey and Davies.

The commission meets the second Wednesday of each month and welcomes ideas and recommendations.

Firemen Emphasize Need for Proper Reporting Information

Assistant Chief Chet Ray presided Monday evening at the meeting of the Vernonia fire department volunteers in the absence of Chief Charley Hickman.

Drill Master Don Webb reported that a good burn was obtained the last drill from the house on Columbia street.

It was reported that 12 department members now carry first aid cards and those completing the course were commended by Ray for their efforts in availing themselves for attendance of the five week course.

The new hydrant locations were discussed. Also the new street names now in effect were discussed with relation to possible confusion in fire calls. Persons calling in to report fires should give the following information if possible: Their name and address; type of fire (chimney, total involvement of structure, or any dangerous or inflammable materials involved), also need for medical aid. This information will expedite the department's actions to quell the blaze and warn them of often unknown or unseen dangers.

The department's Christmas party for members and families will be held December 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire hall. A gift exchange will

be held among the adults and Santa Claus will appear to distribute gifts to the children.

A time change has been announced for Santa's visit to the fire hall, December 19. The Saturday afternoon hours will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The local volunteer firemen again extend to all youngsters in the area an invitation to come talk to Santa at this time. All children accompanied by parents will receive treats from Santa. Parents are also invited to bring cameras to record their children's reactions when meeting Santa.

A nominating committee was appointed and considerable discussion as to the selection of next year's officers was held, with the continuation of progress within the department to be the first obligation of those chosen. Much has been accomplished in past years and the department hopes to upgrade their fire-fighting abilities and community service.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. with the next gathering of firemen to be at the December 28 drill.

Christmas Tree Growers Offer Choice of Species to Buyers

With the Christmas season near at hand, a special group of Columbia county farmers are readying their crop for harvest, indicates Don Coin Walrod, County Extension Agent. Cultured Christmas trees are the crop produced by these growers who offer their goods to consumers in a unique fashion.

Some of the major Christmas tree producers of the area include: Marcus Heckman, Scappoose; Clint Seibert, Vernonia; Marvin Meyer, Vernonia; Rayford Sly, Warren; Glenn Tarbell, Scappoose, and Elmer Loyd, Deer Island.

While some Christmas trees are sold wholesale to brokers or lot operators, most of the local producers prefer to offer their trees to individual users on a choose-and-cut, or U-cut basis. Because a variety of species of cultured trees are available, there has been a ready market with families wanting a special tree or just the experience of selecting and cutting their own tree.

At his 'Enchanted Forest' in the Chapman area, Heckman offers sawdust covered trails leading to cultured areas of Douglas fir, Noble fir, small spruce, and some pine species. Christmas music can be heard throughout the forested area. Snacks are available, and for the first time, a warming area is being provided. This is the ninth year Heckman has offered cultured Christmas trees on a U-cut basis.

Grand fir, sometimes called lowland white fir, is the featured species of Clint Seibert at his 'Clint's Tree Farm' up Rock Creek out of Vernonia. Clint is another long-time producer of cultured trees. In addition to offering families an opportunity

to select a fresh, premium tree, a hay-ride behind fine teams provide access into the areas where trees are to be cut. Seibert's facilities are closed on Saturday.

No newcomer to the Christmas tree and forestry business, Marvin O. Meyer offers Christmas tree buyers cultured Douglas fir, a few pine and Grand fir at his 'Westwood Tree Farm' located three miles south of Vernonia on Highway 47. In addition to cut trees, Meyer offers some live trees for those who are seeking them, and he is also able to flock trees in white or color.

Rayford Sly on Church Road near St. Helens offers the homeowner his choice of ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, Austrian pine, and Sierra redwood. Glenn Tarbell on Highway 30 between Warren and Scappoose, has only Douglas fir. Elmer Loyd, Deer Island, has several species including Sierra redwood and Austrian pine.

Prices of choose-and-cut Christmas trees vary with the species, size, and quality says Walrod. Reports from previous years indicate a high degree of satisfaction among those folks who took the opportunity to select and cut their own tree.

Stevely Named For Honorary

Robert Stevely, Columbia county extension agent, has been chosen for membership in Epsilon Sigma Chi, national honorary fraternity for extension workers.

Stevely was one of 15 Oregon State University cooperative extension service county agents and specialists initiated into membership during the annual meeting of Gamma Chapter on the OSU campus.

Membership in Epsilon Sigma Chi is open to those who have worked in extension's informal, off-campus educational programs for ten years or longer. Principal aim of the organization is to promote professional improvement among extension staffs.

In addition to the initiation of new members, the annual meeting was also highlighted by the presentation of a gift to Mrs. Maud Purvine, Crook county extension agent, who is retiring January 1 after 30 years of service.

Complaint for Fatal Shooting Filed Monday

Henry H. Dobbins, 66, Mist, was arraigned in St. Helens justice court Monday morning on a second degree murder charge in connection with a rifle slaying at his home Sunday.

Columbia County Sheriff Roy Wilburn signed the complaint accusing Dobbins of the fatal shooting of Charles B. Reynolds, also of Mist, Sunday afternoon.

County officials were called to the home the two men shared after Reynolds was shot, allegedly following an argument with Dobbins, who went to the W. R. Wolff home and asked that the sheriff be called.

St. Helens Justice of the Peace Merle Yettick set bail at \$10,000 and Dobbins remains in the county jail. District Attorney David B. Williamson said the case will be taken before the county grand jury.

Board Accepts Resignation

At the meeting of the school board for district 47J on December 10, the resignation of Leslie Giedd, high school commercial teacher was accepted. Giedd had asked to be released so that he could accept a position at the Indian school near Salem.

Miss Betty Yundt of Albany has been hired as a replacement and will assume her duties after the holidays. She is graduating from Oregon State University this Friday, December 18, and is presently doing her practice teaching at Albany high school.

In other action at the December 10 meeting, the board adopted a resolution establishing definite rules concerning automobiles on the school grounds. The need for such action resulted from incidents which have occurred which made advisable the establishing of rules for the benefit of the school authorities and the city police.

Copies of the resolution were posted at the school and given to city police officials and read as follows: The vehicle speed limit on the grounds of school district 47J shall be 10 miles per hour.

Unauthorized vehicles are not allowed on the school grounds at any time.

Student cars driven to school shall be registered in the high school office. All such cars will be parked in the school parking area and shall not be driven during the noon hour.

The school grounds shall not be used for speeding, racing, or squirreling of vehicles.

The school grounds are not intended for use as a public highway nor for use in leisure time driving.

The use of the school grounds for vehicle driving or racing during or after school hours shall be prohibited.

The parking of unauthorized vehicles either attended or unattended on the school grounds shall be prohibited.

Any violation of the above regulations shall be subject to punishment by school authorities or city police.

7 Shopping Days Until Christmas

West Wins in Grade Jamboree

A packed house of jubilant grade school students filled the Vernonia high school gym Friday evening for the annual Columbia county grade school jamboree despite the inclement weather.

The basketball game, which pitted the West side (Vernonia, Clatskanie and Rainier) against the East (Scappoose and the two St. Helens junior high teams) was won by the West 56 to 35. The Vernonia grade team battled the St. Helens Buccaneers to a 13 to 16 score in the first game of the evening.

Clatskanie walked away from Scappoose to the tune of 30 to 9 and Rainier and the Lancers finished the evening with a 13 to 10 score.

Pep clubs of the schools began the evening with each school presenting a drill or demonstration.

The sportsmanship trophy was shared by Rainier and Vernonia. The trophy presented an overall team, pep club and spectacular performance is judged by student representatives of the various schools participating.

Toppers Win in County Series

The Washington grade school Toppers played the St. Helens junior high school Lancers Monday afternoon on the Washington school court in the opening game of the round robin series between the county grade schools. The Vernonia team was victorious in both games.

The seventh grade won by a score of 20 to 12 and the eighth graders by a score of 32 to 15.

Lions Meet at Christmas Party

The Vernonia Lions club members met with their wives at the Masonic Temple Monday evening for their annual Christmas party.

Mrs. James Fiske, accompanied by James Fiske, sang two numbers: "O Holy Night" and "Sweet Little Jesus Boy". Don Jackson led the group in the singing of many familiar Christmas carols.

Mrs. Dave Banta and Mrs. Wayne Markham won beautiful poinsettia plants given as door prizes.

Delegations Observe Operation of School Plant

Since the November 19 and 20 Oregon School Board, Oregon School Administrators and Oregon School Clerks conference, held in Portland at which the Vernonia high school curriculum was one topic of discussion, the high school has received eleven requests for information and possible visitations from other interested Oregon school districts, according to J. W. Acaturri, district 47J superintendent.

The school district recently observing the local high school plant and curricular offerings, was represented by a delegation from the Pine-Eagle

schools of Halfway in Baker county. Otis Murray, superintendent, two high school principals and the vo-ag director made up the visitation on December 7.

Earlier in the year, Wendel Curry, superintendent of the Rainier schools, and four school board members had visited this school district.

The school districts requesting information are interested in the Vernonia schools' facilities, curricular offerings and seven-period day program. The visitors expressed a great deal of interest in the vocational ed-

Christmas Programs Prepared By Schools, Churches in Area

The Christmas season will really get under way in Vernonia Friday evening with the annual Christmas program presented by the Vernonia schools in the Washington school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The program will include dramatizations which illustrate the many moods of Christmas with a selection of characters and events common and mythical which are related to the Christmas season.

The musical part of the program will feature some of the lesser known carols which are gaining in popularity as well as a selection of some of the traditional ones. There also will be several instrumental numbers by the beginning band and the combined intermediate and advanced bands of the Washington school.

MIST ON MONDAY

The Mist school will have its program next Monday evening, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mist school gym and it will feature a Christmas play written, cast and directed by students of the school.

At both schools, Santa will appear to distribute treats which have been arranged for by the PTA, with cooperation of many local fraternal, club and church groups and individuals.

BALL ON TAP

Saturday evening, the annual Christmas Ball will be held in the high school gym and everyone is invited to attend and dance without charge, due to the fact that the music is provided free as a Christmas gesture by the Musicians Mutual Association of Portland. This year, the Phil Kemp five-piece orchestra will be here. The affair is dress-up, but not formal.

H. S. PROGRAM DUE

Next Wednesday, December 23, at 12:40 p.m., parents and friends are invited to attend the Christmas program at the high school. It is being arranged by the music and speech departments of the school and will feature the a-cappella choir in a col-

lection of Christmas songs, a quartet composed of Linda Woolsey, soprano; Opal Bartles, alto; Dan Steele, tenor and Terry Smith, bass; the concert band in " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" with Sharon Brunzman as narrator, the German Christmas Festival and Noel, and the combined band and choir in Suite Noel. Also, "Doc" Fuquay will present a reading, "The Littlest Angel".

CHURCHES PLAN EVENTS

Most of the churches plan Christmas services this Sunday, December 20. The Nazarene church has indicated that their Sunday school will present a program at 10:30 a.m. after which their new pastor, Rev. Milton B. Gudmundsen, will speak.

Sunday evening, the Sunday schools of the Evangelical United Brethren, Baptist and Bible church Sunday schools will each have programs at 7:00 p.m. The Christian church will present theirs at 7:30 after which the young people will go caroling and return to the church for a chill feed, a traditional event for that group. The Assembly of God also will be presenting a program at 7:30 p.m.

Most of the churches indicate that their programs include dramatizations, music and recitations in traditional style.

JAYCEES ARRANGE CALLS TO SANTA

Good news this week is that due to the efforts of the Vernonia Jaycees, a special line from Vernonia to the North Pole is reserved for use by Vernonia children next Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 21 and 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

In order to place calls, dial HAZEL 9-5071 or HAZEL 9-3851 and these numbers are automatically connected with the direct line to Santa. All children wishing to talk to him are invited to call.

Win, Loss Mark Results for Loggers Two Pre-Season Games

The Vernonia Loggers earned a split in their first two pre-season games, dropping a game last Friday to the Hood River Dragons 63-38 and then coming back to win against the Yamhill-Carlton Tigers by a score of 66-40.

The Loggers started off cold against the Dragons and saw themselves on the short end of a 17-9 first quarter score. The Dragons then went on to outscore the Loggers in every quarter to gain their 25 point victory spread.

Superior height and weight allowed the Dragons to control the boards and prevented the Loggers from getting any fast breaks going.

Offensively, the Loggers were led by center Jerry Hanson who scored 14 points on six field goals and two freethrows. As a team the Loggers shot 50 times, making 16 for a 32 percent shooting average. Jim Bellingham pulled in seven rebounds, tops for the Loggers in that division.

Scoring: Bellingham 8, T. Smith 2, Larson 2, Hanson 14, F. Smith 0, Holsey 7, Redmond 0, Bateman 5. The Loggers started off fast against the Yamhill-Carlton Tigers Tuesday evening and with Jerry Hanson scoring 7 and Jim Bellingham adding 6 more, the Vernonia five rushed to a 19-8 first quarter lead.

Vernonia, in a tight 2-3 zone defense, forced the Tigers to shoot from the outside, and, hitting the boards very hard, were able to get the fast break going. Dan Steele scored seven of the Logger's 19 second period points while the Tigers were held to six.

The Loggers were able to increase their lead by five points in the third period and reserves finished off the final frame.

Guard Dan Steele, Jim Bellingham

and Jerry Hanson led the Logger scorers, with double figure scoring. Steele had 19 points gained on 9-15 from the field and 1-2 from the free-throw line. Bellingham had 14 points and Hanson 10.

As a team the Loggers shot 41 percent, hitting 30 shots on 73 attempts. They hit 6 for 14 from the charity stripe. Bellingham was again the big man on the boards, pulling in 14 rebounds.

Scoring: Bellingham 14, Smith 2, Larson 3, Johnston 0, Hanson 10, F. Smith 6, Steele 19, Bateman 3, Holsey 9, Redmond 0, Hays 0.

The Vernonia JVs have played three games and were on the short end of the score two times but won their last encounter.

The young Loggers lost games to the Hood River JVs, 56-35 and the Jewell Varsity, 85-57. They won against the Yamhill-Carlton JVs, 52-42.

Against Yamhill-Carlton, the young Loggers got double figure scoring from three players to gain their first win. Joe Curl had 16 points, followed by Dave Larson and Dennis Pederson with 13 and 12 points respectively.

The Vernonia freshman team won their first two games of the season, defeating Jewell JVs 51-26 and the Banks freshmen 50-33.

Larry Elton led the freshmen scorers for the two games with 26 points.

This week end the Loggers travel out of town, taking on the Santiam Wolverines Friday night and the Stayton Pirates, Saturday. Next Tuesday they will be at home again, seeking revenge against Hood River.

Teachers End Course in Math

The final session of the in-service math course for teachers was held Tuesday afternoon. Eugene D. Ashback of the Laurelhurst school in Portland has been instructor for the class in which 25 were enrolled.

The class stressed the theory of the mathematical process in relation to the number system.

Tentative plans are being discussed relative to holding a winter class if enough persons are interested. The proposed class is Ed. 429, Principles of Remedial Education and anyone who is interested in the class should contact one of the school officers immediately.

Repayment Is Required

The wife of former Columbia county Sheriff Spencer Younce was placed on probation for four years Tuesday for conversion of public funds.

Circuit Court Judge Albert Musick stipulated that Mrs. Florence Younce must repay the money.

She was convicted in October of taking \$2,400 while working as secretary-treasurer for the St. Helens Rural Fire Protection District.