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Chamber Selects Citizen; Judge Tells New Policy

Darold Proehl, elementary school principal for district 47J, was named as Citizen of the Year Monday evening at the annual dinner meeting of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce. He was selected on the basis of outstanding community service and is the fifth person to be so honored. Others named in the preceding four years were B. J. Horn, Dr. T. M. Hobart, Robert C. Lindsay and Sam Hearing Jr.

Chamber of commerce president, Guy I. Thomas, presented Proehl with a plaque engraved with his name and enumerated things which had figured in his selection.

Proehl came to Vernonia in 1946 as a seventh and eighth grade teacher. In 1949 he was married to Miss Mercedes Larson, also a teacher here. They have three sons and a daughter.

In 1953 Proehl was chosen to be superintendent of the grade school. He was elected president of the Columbia County Educational association for the 1955-56 year and holds life membership in the National Edu-

cation association. He has served on the Columbia County Planning Commission, has been president of the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce and has headed the United Good Neighbors Fund drive.

His active participation in fraternal and church activities also was noted by Thomas with the statement that Proehl always discharges the duties of his offices in a most faithful and efficient manner.

Persons who work with him in any of these things are aware of many behind the scene acts which are of great help to others.

Speaker at the dinner was Judge Earl Seawright of Columbia county who spoke to an interested audience. He said he especially appreciated the

invitation to come to Vernonia to re-new acquaintances. He commended this community for its forward step in its annexation and said he felt that other communities could profit by similar action.

He stated that a policy for each department of the county court will be established to help clarify problems as they come before the court. He urged people to present their problems in writing with possible solutions as a means of keeping a permanent record of business with the court.

He also reminded everyone that there is to be a public hearing February 3 concerning the question of constructing a new courthouse. It will be held at 7 p.m. in the county court room.

Donors Asked For Visit of Bloodmobile

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Vernonia Odd Fellows hall next Monday, January 18 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Guy I. Thomas and Mrs. Charles Minger, local representatives in charge of arrangements, state that the need for blood is urgent. They urge everyone who can possibly donate to do so.

Persons who wish more information may contact either of the above named persons. For the past several visits, Vernonia has failed to meet its quota. Much blood has been used by Vernonia residents in recent months and some still needs replacement.

Donors may give in the name of someone if they wish, so that it can be credited to someone they know will need it.

Loss Aid Told In Tax Guide

Casualty losses to farm or business property as a result of recent flooding may entitle owners to federal income tax deductions, advises Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent. Details regarding tax deductions due to casualty losses are spelled out in the "Farmer's Tax Guide for 1965" and Internal Revenue Service Document No. 5174. Both are available from county extension offices.

Property owners who think they might be eligible for a tax deduction, need to be aware that there is a distinction made between losses to non-business property or personal property and losses to business property, including the production portions of farm property. Owners will also be required to prove that a loss was actually sustained and the amount of such loss, says Walrod.

In claiming deduction for losses, Walrod indicated owners should be prepared to show:

1. The nature of the casualty and when it occurred.
 2. That the loss was the direct result of the casualty.
 3. That they were the owner of such property.
 4. The cost or other basis of the property value, evidenced by purchase contract, deed, etc. (Improvements should be supported by checks, receipts, or other means.)
 5. Depreciation allowed or allowable, if any.
 6. Value before and after casualty.
 7. The amount of insurance or other compensation received or recoverable including the value of repairs, restoration, and clean-up provided by disaster relief agencies.
- Photographs are particularly valuable in establishing the condition and value of property, says the agent.

PTA to Hear Panel Talks

The January meeting of the Vernonia PTA will be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening, January 18 in the library of the high school.

This promises to be a very interesting meeting with Joey Acaiturri, school superintendent, Welcome Rumbaugh, high school principal, and Mrs. Wesley Bolmeier, dean of girls and guidance director, composing a panel to discuss, "What your high school, community and home should do to prepare your child for the future." This discussion will include information on scholarships, vocational training, loans for college, and loans for vocational training.

This information should be of interest to everyone whether their child is in high school yet or not. It is never too soon to plan for a child's future.

Debbie Curl and Vicki Lawler will do a dance routine and the kindergarten mothers will serve refreshments after the meeting.

Pomona Meets on 6th

Columbia County Pomona Grange will meet February 6 at the Fern Hill Grange hall. The sessions will start at 11 a.m. and continue through the afternoon and evening.

Firemen Name New Chief, Hear Reports of '64 Accomplishments

Members of the Vernonia volunteer fire department selected Don Webb as their choice for fire chief for 1965 and will submit their recommendation to the city council for approval at their next meeting.

Other officers chosen by the group are:

Ralph Sturdevant, captain; Don Tiffney, lieutenant; Homer Fuller, drill master, and Larry Garner, secretary. Chief Webb's first action was to appoint his assistant, Chet Ray.

This was the final meeting for Chief Charley Hickman who conducted the business of the evening and heard reports.

Under good of the order, Larry Bernardi was reported as being out of the hospital and recovering from his recent illness.

A report of 1964 activities revealed the following statistics:

Meetings and drills had an average attendance of 14.5 men out of 20 on the roster. Approximately 600 man hours were expended in drill and meeting sessions for which the men receive no pay.

A total of 88 hours were spent by firemen in qualifying for first aid cards. Twelve department members received cards.

In addition to this volunteer labor, the firemen assisted in rescue and ambulance work throughout the year. This included evacuation and standby duty during the Christmas flood.

A total of 35 men, or an average of three at each monthly meeting, attended the Columbia - Washington County Firemen's association meetings at a different host department each month.

At Friendship Jamboree time and the Fourth of July the firemen turned out at daybreak to wash Bridge street for the occasions.

Many chimneys were inspected and cleaned during the year for city residents. These were also done on a volunteer basis on firemen's days off and evenings.

An important function each year

is the Fireman's Ball which this past year was under the direction of Homer Fuller. Due to the cooperation of local residents, the department was able to bank over \$150 to be used for needed supplies.

Extra training sessions, involving more than 175 man hours, were participated in during 1964. The local firemen put on four Sunday and evening burn problems and also participated in a regional session at Newberg, a four-county gathering.

The upgrading of fire defenses was bolstered by the addition of two 30-minute Scott self-contained breathing units, eight sets of protective clothing and hose-drying tower.

In 1964 the alarm was sounded on 24 fire calls to which the department responded. The alarms were answered with an average of 11 men per call. Due to the fact that daytime response is limited by work commitments, this average is very good with 16 to 20 men at several fires.

At these fires, over 1250 feet of 2½ inch hose were laid from hydrants; over 750 feet of 1½ inch fighting lines were laid with approximately 1000 feet of one-inch booster line being called into play. In addition to the hose used, 270 plus feet of ladders were hoisted, and other equipment used included exhaust fans, mops, brooms, and other clean-up tools.

The department expressed its appreciation to the 1964 officers for their year's work, and looks forward to progress and up-grading of the fire group in 1965.

Also to be commended for their cooperation during the past year were the residents of Vernonia who have helped the volunteers. A great sacrifice of spare time is given by a volunteer group such as the Vernonia fire department, and favorable comments and cooperation from the public helps bolster the morale of the firemen and also helps compensate for their donated time.

Events During Year of 1964 Continued from Eagle Files

April 9: The official count for the population of Vernonia was certified as 1555 by the state as a basis for allocation of state funds.

April 16: Five Vernonia high school boys, members of the Future Farmers of America chapter tied with Tillamook for first place in a district shop skills contest. Boys on the team were Lloyd Johnston, Terry Smith, Mark Medges, Doc Fuquay and Charles Robertson.

April 23: Loran E. Atkins was appointed to a position on the city council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Curl.

April 30: Members of the Vernonia Lions club loaded out their first truck of papers which netted \$40 for the club for community projects.

May 7: The five top seniors, scolarastically at Vernonia high school were named as follows: Betty Armstrong, Ruth Hugley, Martha Mangat, LeaAnn Ramsey and Akio Yamaguchi.

May 14: There were 40 entries in the second annual Jaycee sponsored Nehalem River Boat Race Saturday. Winners were: Two-man canoe, Robert Mathews and John Shaw of Mist; two-man kayak, Wayne Stevens of Warrenton and Jim Paulson of St. Helens; one-man kayak, Roble Anderson, Warrenton and two-man row boat, Dale Slanger and Dennis Wilcoxon of Jewell.

Engine 105 made its first trip from Banks to Vernonia Sunday in a trial run in preparation for summer excursion trips.

May 21: Robert Sargent was installed as president of the Vernonia Lions club.

May 28: Thirty-two seniors received diplomas Friday and 56 eighth graders graduated Tuesday.

June 11: Pictured was a turbine powered helicopter being used by West Oregon Electric company to set poles in the tunnel area on Sunset highway.

Francis L. Gill, Republican nominee for county commissioner, died Monday in a Portland hospital.

June 18: Sharon Brunson, Carolyn Krieger and Laura Floeter were named as the court for the 1964 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree.

June 25: Open house was held at Perry's Sports Camp on Rock Creek just prior to start of operation.

Miss Gladys Johnson retired as postmaster at Timber, a position she had held for 12 years.

July 2: Phil Holsheimer of Scappoose, 1963 logging show trophy winner at the Friendship Jamboree, returned the trophy this week to Chet

Ray, 1964 show chairman in preparation for this year's competition.

Two women from Tacoma lost their lives while rock hunting on Clear Creek when an overhanging bank caved in on them.

July 9: July 4th fireworks attracted a large crowd. The Vernonia fire department was in charge and had been assisted financially by the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and contributions from business people and individuals.

County Permit Total Lower

The year end report released this department indicates that 247 permits were issued during 1964, of which 11 were issued in December. The previous December, 1963, 23 permits were issued.

Total valuation for the permits issued during 1964 was \$1,022,856 and the permits covered 57 for new residences, one for a duplex, two each for commercial and public buildings, three for new industrial buildings, 106 for additions or alterations to family residences, another for a motel addition, 10 for alterations to commercial or public buildings, 12 for detached garages, 31 to cover plumbing and 22 miscellaneous items.

In December of 1963 the total valuation for permits issued was \$262,525 while in December of 1964, the total valuation was only \$34,840.

Magician Billed

Howard Peach, a talented magician, will be performing here Saturday evening at the Community Youth Rally to be held at the Christian church at 7:30 p.m. He promises to hold the interest of all who attend. Young people from age 12 through college are invited to attend and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Society to Meet

Weather permitting, the Columbia County Historical Society will meet Wednesday, January 20 in the 4-H dining room at the county fairgrounds at Deer Island. The session will start with the potluck meal at noon after which the business meeting and program will take place. All persons interested in the history of the county are invited to attend.

Students Start Semester Exams

Today and tomorrow, January 14 and 15 at Vernonia high school, first semester examinations are being given and the schedule has been adjusted to meet the needs.

Today, examinations are being held for morning classes. The schedule is as follows: First period classes, 8:40 to 10:10 a.m.; break, ten minutes; second period classes, 10:20 to 11:50 a.m.; lunch hour; third period classes, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.; ten minute break; fourth period classes, 2:10 to 3:40 p.m.

Friday, the schedule for afternoon classes is as follows: Fifth period classes, 8:40 to 10:10 a.m.; ten minute break; sixth period classes, 10:20 to 11:50 a.m.; lunch hour; seventh period classes, 12:45 to 2:15 p.m.; class meetings, 2:15 to 3:00 p.m.

The tests are administered by the teachers and all students taking tests are required to remain in the room until the end of the testing period.

Students not taking tests during scheduled periods either remain at home or if at school, will report to the library. All hall traffic and confusion will be curbed during testing hours.

Anglers Given Card Reminder

Salmon and steelhead anglers are reminded by the game commission that the time is at hand to return their 1964 salmon and steelhead punch cards. Outlets for fishing and hunting licenses have been provided with collection boxes in which cards may be placed. Expired punch cards may also be mailed directly to the game commission, P. O. Box 3503, Portland.

Information recorded on the punch cards is used to estimate the total annual catch of salmon and steelhead as well as the catch distribution by stream. All anglers are requested to return the cards whether or not the holder caught salmon or steelhead during the year.

Loggers Split League Game Series

The Vernonia Loggers gained a split in their first two league games, losing to Warrenton last Friday night 67-54 and then coming back to defeat the Banks Braves by a 54-49 score.

In the game against the Warrenton Warriors, a bad third quarter proved to be the downfall for the Loggers as they were outscored 25-14 after they had gained a six point advantage at halftime.

Jerry Hanson, with 19 points, 14 of them in the first half, led the Loggers in their first league encounter. He was followed by Jim Bellingham with 10.

As a team, the Loggers shot 34 percent, hitting 24 shots on 70 attempts. They made 8 of 14 from the charity stripe. Terry Larson and Bellingham were big men on the boards

as they pulled in 13 and 11 rebounds. Scoring: Bellingham 10, T. Smith 0, Larson 8, Hanson 19, Steele 9, Bateman 0, Holsey 8.

BANKS DEFEATED
Jerry Hanson with 20 points and Jim Bellingham with 14 led the Loggers to their first league win over the Banks Braves.

The Loggers, down by nine points in the third quarter, came back to lead by 10 in the final frame and then had to hang on against the Banks press.

As a team, the Loggers shot 36 percent, making 22 field goals on 60 attempts. They made 8 of 13 freethrow attempts. Bellingham pulled in 15 rebounds.

Scoring: Bellingham 14, T. Smith 0, Larson 5, Hanson 20, F. Smith 7,

Steele 2, Holsey 6.

JVs WIN TWO

The Vernonia JVs won their last two games, defeating the Warrenton JVs 52-31 and the Banks JVs 56-42.

Against Warrenton the Loggers were led by Dave Larson with 17 and Dennis Pederson with 11 as they led at all the quarter stops.

Scoring: Pederson 11, Holsey 6, Medges 8, Cameron 0, Blackburn 0, Curl 4, Ellis 2, Larson 17, Peddicora 0, Mattson 0, Minger 4.

Against Banks the Loggers were led in scoring once again by Dave Larson with 14 points, closely followed by Joe Curl with 12.

Scoring: Pederson 4, Holsey 4, Medges 6, Cameron 4, Curl 12, Ellis 0, Larson 14, Peddicord 0, Mattson 5, Minger 7.



CITIZEN of the year award was presented Monday night to Darold Proehl, left, by Chamber of Commerce President Guy Thomas at ceremony at chamber's quarterly dinner meeting.



EARL SEAWRIGHT, Columbia county judge, was guest speaker at chamber dinner meeting. Seawright took over duties of office last week and explained to chamber members and guests his plans for carrying out of county business.