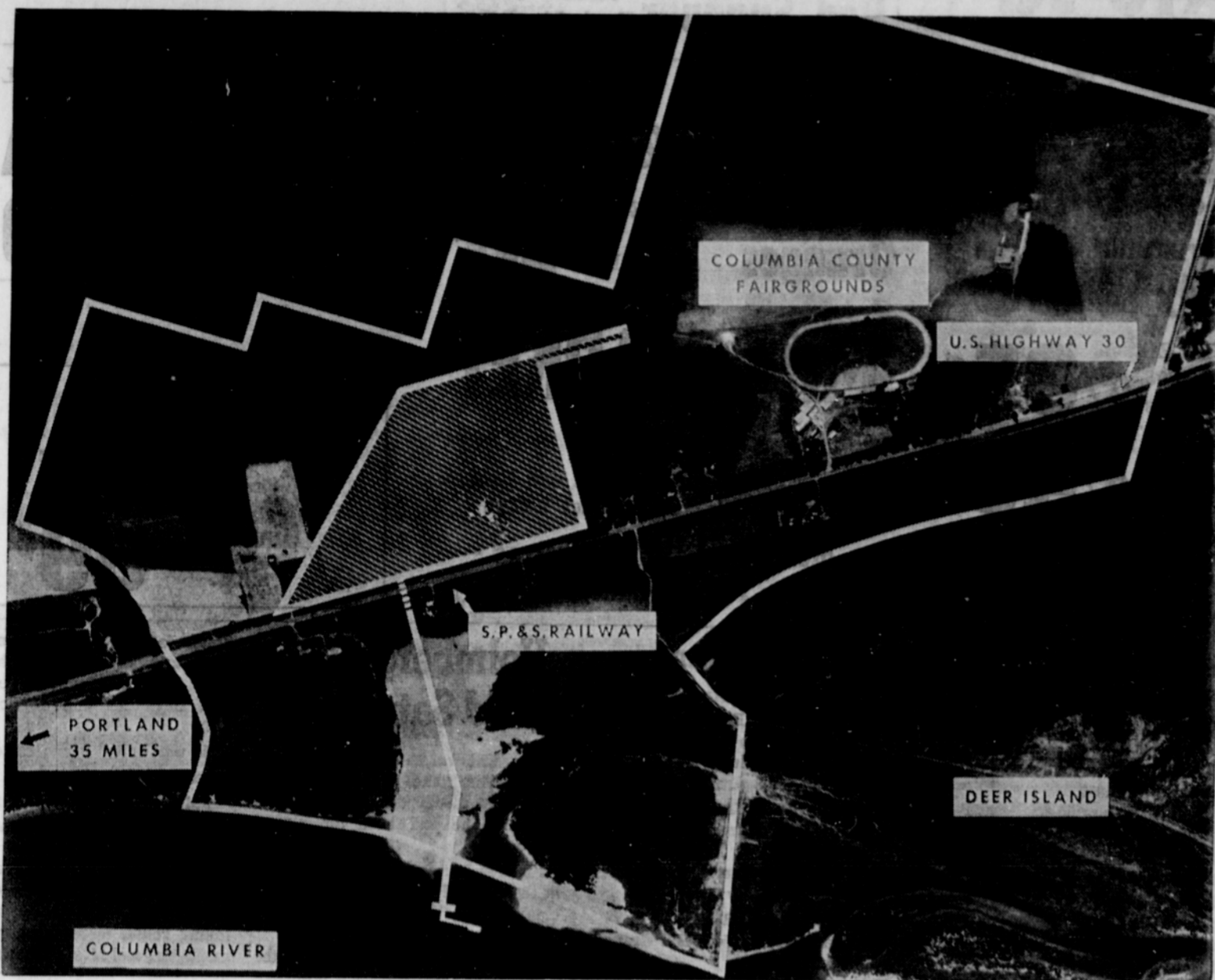


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WHITE outline shows area being purchased by Shell Chemical company on which they announced plans Sunday for construction of fertilizer manufacturing plant. Lined area inside outline will be location of plant. Additional land being acquired, totaling 800 acres, will be used for future expansion of facilities. Construction is scheduled to start this year, but fairgrounds will be available for the 1965 fair.

Shell Chemical Outlines Plans

Shell Chemical company will build a multi-million dollar plant at Deer Island, company officials told county newspaper representatives Sunday when they released information about the extent of their plans. Their announcement ends speculation heard for several months about an industrial plant coming to that area.

The new facility, which will be located on the Columbia river some 35 miles north and west of Portland, was described Sunday by James W. Hyde, Shell Chemical's general manager of the ammonia division.

The plant will cost in the order of ten million dollars and will produce anhydrous ammonia, prilled urea, and mixed fertilizers. The two former products are used in industry as well as agriculture.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer, with completion estimated in mid-1966. The project will include a processing plant, office and bulk storage buildings, a dock and railroad spur.

The site is an 800-acre parcel of land on U.S. Highway 30, fronting on the Columbia River. The Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway passes through the property.

An estimated 80 to 90 persons will be needed to run the plant, Hyde stated. The annual payroll will be about \$750,000. The large majority of these people will be drawn from the local labor market. The company, however, is not yet certain how many of the 80 to 90 people will be added directly to the Shell payroll.

"We will be employing people to handle jobs of operating departments and in the office. We may contract with local firms for various types of maintenance work," the official said. During construction, an estimated 500 persons will be needed by building contractors.

The plant initially will produce 150,000 tons of nitrogenous products annually, according to Hyde.

Hydrogen and nitrogen are basic raw materials used in the manufacture of these products. Hydrogen will be produced by processing natural gas supplied by the Northwest Natural Gas company, and nitrogen will be taken from the atmosphere.

As a result of Shell's move into the area, Columbia county will get a new, modern fairgrounds. Shell purchased the present fairgrounds land and buildings for part of its plant site and donated an additional \$66,000 so that the county could build a modern facility at another location.

Through agreement of the county and Shell, the 1965 fair will be held

at the present location.

A state forestry station, also situated within Shell's acreage, will be relocated on another portion of the company's property, according to officials. The Kinder cemetery, resting place of many of the area's pioneers, will be preserved as is.

In discussing the new plant facility, Hyde stressed that the operation is clean. No obnoxious odors will be emitted, he said. Shell also will build an effluent treating process into the plant to insure that no harmful waste material is added to the river.

Most of the water required by the plant, however, will be used to cool the chemical processes. The water used in the cooling process will have no more of a direct contact with chemicals than a refrigeration gas has with food in a freezer, so there is no danger of contamination, Hyde pointed out.

In the cooling process the plant will use 15,000 gallons of water from the Columbia river a minute. The only material to flow into the air will be steam vapor, he concluded.

The new plant will enable Shell Chemical, which has been marketing ammonia and urea in the Pacific Northwest for many years, to supply the area's needs locally. Presently products are shipped from San Francisco and Los Angeles to storage depots at Pasco, Washington; and Willbridge. More photos, page 4.

JVs Win Over Jewell Team

The Vernonia JVs defeated the Jewell Bluejays last Tuesday in a very exciting game 69-66.

With Fred Smith scoring 21 points in the first half, the Loggers pulled away to a 45-32 halftime lead, but had to fight off a fourth quarter rally on the part of the Bluejays to gain their victory.

Smith, with 30 points, led all Logger scorers and he was followed by Joe Curl and Keith Cameron with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Scoring: Pederson 8, Curl 11, Cameron 10, Smith 30, Peddicord 2, Minger 0, Larson 8, Mattson 0.

The Vernonia Freshmen team lost to the Jewell JVs 64-58. The Freshmen were led by Larry Elton with 23 points. He was followed by Pete Brunsman with 13.

Scoring: Forcier 8, P. Brunsman 13, A. Brunsman 2, Proehl, Burton, Elton 29, G. Hanson 6.



MARK MEDGES

Senior Named First Student

Mark Medges, Vernonia high school senior, was named as student of the month for January at the studentbody meeting held last Friday. This is a new feature at Vernonia high school and Mark is the first student to be so named.

Nominations for the student of the month are made on the basis of service to the school, courtesy, integrity, personality, appearance and co-operative attitude and a student must maintain a grade point average of 2.00 to be eligible.

A committee composed of a student representative from each class and the class advisors considers the nominations, without any discussion, and selects the student of the month by secret ballot.

Mark, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Medges of Capitol Hill, was named for his vocational achievement, his being named as an all-state football player, his track participation, his friendly attitude toward other students and his willingness to help others, his participation and achievement in shop skills contests and his all-around good personality.

Tax Help Offered

For those who wish assistance or have some question on filling out their income tax forms the following places will be available to them: St. Helens courthouse, March 25, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Portland state office building, 1400 S. W. 5th avenue, Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Clatskanie city hall, March 24, 2 to 5 p.m.

Council Asks Safety Class Registration

L. E. Atkins, chairman of the Vernonia Hunter Safety Council, has issued a plea to all interested youths of the area to sign up now for gun safety classes. Dates and instructors will be assigned as soon as registration is completed this week.

Some interest in an adult class, or possibly an all-mother class, has been indicated by inquiries directed to Atkins. If enough adults are interested such a class will be conducted. Also, any parents wishing to take the course with their youngsters may do so. Persons wishing to take part in an adult class are requested to call Atkins at HAZel 9-5032.

Any youths who did not register at the schools this past week are asked to contact Atkins or any Hunter Safety instructor right away so they may be worked into classes.

County Youth Group to Meet

The Columbia County Youth Opportunity committee established recently by the Columbia county court to study ways and means to provide on-the-job training for youths 16-21, training and further education for high school drop-outs and means to provide summer employment for young people still in school, will meet at Vernonia high school tomorrow, February 5, at 9 a.m.

The committee, headed by County Extension Agent Don Coin Walrod, has as members Joey Acaiturri, Vernonia school superintendent; Mrs. June Simmons of Scappoose, county park committee member; Ray Godsey, county school superintendent; and J. C. Cranford, news editor for the St. Helens Sentinel-Mist.

Assessor to Offer Senior Citizen Tax Assistance

Columbia County Assessor Frank LeMont will be at the fire station in Vernonia February 10 and February 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to assist senior citizens with their property tax exemption applications. The assessor is also reminding senior citizens that they must file an application for property tax exemptions before April 1, 1965, otherwise an exemption can not be allowed.

City Accepts U.S. Bank Offer To Buy Building for \$10,000

The Vernonia city council voted Monday night to accept the offer of the United States National bank to purchase the Vernonia bank building which the city now owns, if certain legal technicalities can be met. The price offered for the building was \$10,000.

Stipulated in the consideration was the payment of all closing costs and of heating the building through June of this year by the purchaser. When an agreement is reached, the sale will be confirmed by ordinance.

In a report on a meeting of school authorities and council representatives the city attorney, Robert Vagt, stated that he did not approve of the rules set up by the school authorities to control the use of vehicles on school property. His feeling was that some terms used were vague and unenforceable under existing city and state laws. His belief is that any rules should be legalized by official resolution which should be adapted to existing law by reference.

The council directed the city recorder, Walter Linn, to set up a "complaint log" to list instances of reported wrong-doing especially those arising through the schools, even though no official action had been taken. This was a suggestion made during the conference between the mayor, city police and school authorities.

The drainage problem at the Homer Fuller property at the corner of Bridge and Missouri avenue on OA hill, was again considered. Corrections under way or being considered are the opening of plugged drains and ditching.

Fuller, representing the fire department, asked about the progress of condemnation proceedings on several buildings. The recorder was

directed to send letters to persons concerned asking permission to burn the building. The fire department will conduct burns as training exercises when the proper authorization is obtained.

In other business, angle parking was approved on Jefferson street by the Masonic temple on the sloping portion only. Water and drainage problems in various areas were discussed. Some sunken back-fill and unsatisfactory finishing in the Riverview water system prompted the withholding of final payment to the contractor.

With regard to the control of rats within the city, Councilman Horace Hertel had conferred with the county health officer who advised, as the first step, a thorough community clean-up, after which the services of a commercial exterminator was advised.

Some unauthorized cutting of trees in the OA hill park area was reported and steps are to be taken towards warning offenders.

Committee appointments, payment of bills and other miscellaneous discussion completed the business.

The next council meeting will be February 15.

Non-League Games Lost

The Vernonia Loggers lost two non-league games this past week end, losing Friday night at Yamhill-Carlton 94-77 and to Clatskanie Saturday, 77-53.

Friday at Yamhill, the Loggers, led by guard Denny Holsey with 21 points, had four men score in double figures but couldn't stop the high-scoring Tigers, particularly in the second half. Fred Smith, Jim Bellingham and Danny Steele had 16, 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Loggers led at halftime 38-35 but in the second half were outscored 59-39.

Scoring: Bellingham 11, T. Smith 8, Larson 5, Johnston 2, F. Smith 16, Steele 10, Bateman 4, Holsey 21, Redmond 0.

Against Clatskanie on the Vernonia court Saturday night, too much height on the part of the Tigers proved to be the downfall for the Loggers in the second half, after a close first half which saw Clatskanie ahead by only one point, 30-29.

Scoring: Bellingham 5, T. Smith 1, Larson 6, Johnston 5, F. Smith 10, Steele 11, Bateman 2, Holsey 13, Redmond 0.

The Vernonia JVs lost two close games last week end also, losing Friday night to the Yamhill JVs 66-65 and to the Clatskanie JVs on Saturday in three overtime periods, 57-54.

Against Yamhill-Carlton, the young Loggers were led in scoring by Dave Larson and Joe Curl with 24 and 12 points respectively.

Scoring: Pederson 8, Holsey 5, Cameron 6, Curl 12, Ellis 2, Larson 24, Peddicord 8, Minger 0.

Against the Clatskanie JVs Dave Larson and Joe Curl once again led the Logger scorers with 16 and 11 points.

Scoring: Pederson 2, Cameron 7, Holsey 6, Curl 11, Ellis 6, Larson 16, Mattson 1, Peddicord 3, Minger 2.

Friday, the Loggers travel to Warrenton to take on the Warriors in a very important league game. Tuesday they travel to Banks to take on the Banks Braves.

Film to Show History of Art

The Vernonia Society of Arts and Crafts will present a 20-minute colored movie entitled "The History of Art" Wednesday evening, February 10, at 8 p.m., in the West Oregon building.

This film covers art from cave and prehistoric paintings to modern works. The meeting is open to all interested persons and is free of charge. Following the picture, there will be a craft demonstration on the making of parchment note paper.

Band Parents Slate Election

All members of the Band Parents club are urged to attend the next meeting Monday evening, February 8, from 7:30 to 8:30 in the grade school band room.

There will be the election of officers and the aims and purposes of the club are to be discussed for the benefit of new members.

Plans for the luncheon to be served March 20 to the grade school band festival students are also to be discussed at this time.

James Fiske, band director, has expressed his appreciation to all members who helped prepare and serve the potluck dinner January 29 to the Willamette University band students. He also expressed special appreciation to the high school girls who helped clean up after the dinner.

The band parents feel that Vernonia was very fortunate to have the Willamette band give a concert here. There was a good attendance to enjoy it.

Heart Drive Head Named

Mrs. Harold Kerry of Scappoose, who has been appointed as Columbia county chairman for the 1965 heart fund drive, was in Vernonia last Thursday to confer with Mrs. Marie Atkins, who has been named chairman for this area, about the features of the drive.

Mrs. Kerry also presented to Mrs. Atkins a certificate of appreciation for the outstanding work she did as local chairman in 1964.

The American Legion auxiliary has been enlisted by Mrs. Atkins as the sponsoring organization for the Nehalem valley. They already have sent letters to other organizations asking for their contributions to the fund.

Mrs. Atkins stated that Mrs. Kerry had left with her a supply of plastic heart coin collectors which will be placed in all business places by February 15. Also, plans are being made for the Heart Sunday solicitation February 21.