

# Opinions Heard On Court House

An overflow crowd packed the county court room in the court house at St. Helens last Wednesday evening for the hearing on the court house question. The legal notice calling the meeting asked consideration on building a new court house on the St. Helens flat iron site and transfer of the court house annex fund and O&C revenues to that purpose.

At the meeting, the architects, Schmeer and Harrington, evaluated four sites, the flat iron site, the present court house site and adjacent area, the Violette property on highway 30, and the Neuman addition tract. The tabulation of costs for these sites is given on this page.

The architects favored the building of a new courthouse on the flat iron site and gave the following reasons: central location, adequate width of surrounding streets, location in business area, and space for parking area.

The Violette area on the highway, according to the evaluation, is on the edge of town, remote from business area but is accessible from the highway. Persons from other parts of the county have voiced opinions that a location on the highway would place a courthouse in a better position to serve all areas and that since it is a county courthouse that deserves more consideration than the nearness of St. Helens businesses.

The architects opposed the Neuman tract because it is in a primarily residential area and the streets are too narrow.

The present site, if used for a new courthouse would require destruction of the present courthouse which many wish to retain, even if a new courthouse is built, for use as a museum.

Circuit judges, J. S. Bohannon and Avery Combs, were at the meeting and described the present circuit court facilities as "the worst in the state." Bohannon cited the bad acoustics, poor heating and toilet facilities, lack of law library space, and industrial noise distraction. He favors a new courthouse.

There were a number of petitions presented at the meeting which were not read or discussed there, but are now being checked by the county clerk for validity of signatures.

Friday, following the hearing, a ruling by the Oregon state attorney general, Robert Y. Thornton, was

made known in which he declared that the annex fund had reverted to the general fund last June. The sinking fund had been set up for a definite period and, according to his decision, if not used in that time the reversion was automatic.

Tuesday of this week, Judge Earl Seawright and Columbia County District Attorney Don Kalberer were in Salem to confer with Thornton. They determined that the court could go ahead with calling an election on questions presented on the petitions and an announcement is expected by next week as to when an election will be held and what the questions are to be submitted.

A rebudgeting of funds would be required to allocate the former annex fund for use now.

## Honor Society Awards Letters

A formal candlelight initiation ceremony was carried out January 29 at Vernonia high school by officers of the Vernonia high school chapter of the National Honor Society and certificates and letters were presented to members.

The letters, given by the school board in recognition of academic excellence and leadership, are new this year. They are a gold V bordered with blue and at the base are the letters, NHS. Just above the letters is an embroidered Lamp of Learning, an emblem for the society.

Superintendent Joey Acatturri made the presentation of the letters to the officers, Jim Bellingham, Vicki Pollock, Christine King, Sharon Brunsman and Linda Jensen who were the hold-over members of the chapter and presented letters and certificates to five new members, Donna Sanders, Deanna Ritz, Judy Stockwell, Christine Bender and Fred Smith.

Certificates only were presented to four sophomores who have been admitted to probationary membership. They are Bill Hanson, Sally Knowlton, Kathy Jensen and Ann Sargent. If they fulfill probationary requirements and are admitted to full membership, they, too, will receive letters.

## Founder's Day Observance for Mist PTA Meeting Group Plan

The PTA meeting will be held at the Mist grade school at 7:30 p.m. next Monday evening, February 15.

The program will be one to honor Founder's Day and to bring to the attention of the public the work of the PTA. The Mist school will provide a skit about the PTA founders and also furnish musical entertainment.

Mrs. George Cowles, Columbia county PTA president from Rainier,

Dr. T. M. Hobart, mayor of Vernonia, has proclaimed the week of February 15 through 20 as PTA week in Vernonia and urges every citizen to observe it by attendance at the PTA meeting and with special attention to the work of the PTA locally, statewide and nationally.

will be in attendance to give a talk and she also will assist with the honoring of the past presidents.

Mrs. Norman Hansen is in charge of arrangements for the meeting and Mrs. Norma Johnston is chairman for refreshments. It is hoped that

there will be a good attendance.

Mrs. Robert Curl, PTA president, Mrs. David Banta, Mrs. Ralph Krieger and Mrs. Melvin Schwab attended the County Council PTA meeting in Clatskanie Monday, February 1. This group voted to back the bill before the legislature making it mandatory for all school boards in Oregon to furnish books to students from grades 1 through 12. The other bill discussed by the council pertained to the unification of all Oregon school districts as has been done in this district.

The Oregon Council of PTA has planned a day in Salem February 16, next Tuesday, and a delegation from the Vernonia PTA plans to join with those from other communities in meeting. They are to assemble in rooms 6 and 7 in the state house basement. They are to receive first hand information as to what the legislature is doing, especially as relates to school legislation. Persons who wish to go with the Vernonia group may call Mrs. David Banta, HAZel 9-5275.

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# Vernonia Eagle

## Loggers Tally Win, Loss in League Play

The Vernonia Loggers earned a split in two league games played last week, losing in an overtime to Warrenton on Friday, 67-64 and defeating Banks Tuesday, 69-60.

Against Warrenton, the Loggers started off fast in the first quarter and with Dan Steele scoring eight points, mostly on fast break layins, the Vernonia team rushed to a nine point first period advantage, 18-9.

The Warriors from Warrenton came back strong in the second period, using a full court press with good results, and were able to outscore the Loggers 25-13 and went down at halftime leading 34-31.

The second half was played on even terms with neither team able to gain much of a lead. The Loggers were able to tie it up in the final seconds of the game when Steele was fouled while scoring on a layin and then sank the freethrow. Score at the end of the regulation time was 60-60.

The Loggers had three men score in double figures with Steele leading the way with 23. Fred Smith and Jim Bellingham hit 17 and 10 points respectively. The Loggers outscored the Warriors from the field, making 28 field goals to their 23, but lost the game at the freethrow line as Warrenton hit 21 freethrows to only eight for Vernonia.

Jerry Hanson, with 12 rebounds, led the Loggers in that category. Scoring: Bellingham 10, Larson 2, Hanson 4, F. Smith 17, Steele 23, Holsey 8.

The Vernonia JVs, playing their best game of the season, defeated the Warrenton JVs 74-31. The JVs led by big margins at all quarter stops: 16-9, 29-12, 52-23.

Joe Curl with 22 points and Dave Larson with 18 led the Loggers.

Scoring: Pederson 9, Holsey 0, Medges 0, Cameron 4, Blackburn 0, Curl 22, Ellis 12, Larson 18, Mattson 2, Peddicord 5, Minger 2.

The Vernonia Loggers broke open a close game at Banks Tuesday night in the final minutes of the game to gain their third league win of the season, 69-60.

The Loggers had four men score in double figures with guard Dan Steele leading the way with 18 points. He was followed by Jerry Hanson, Denny Holsey and Fred Smith with 13, 12 and 11 points respectively.

Scoring: Bellingham 6, Larson 6, Hanson 13, F. Smith 11, T. Smith 3, Steele 18, Holsey 12.

The Vernonia JVs won their game against the Banks JVs 57-53. Dave Larson and Dennis Pederson led JV scorers with 19 points each.

Scoring: Pederson 19, Holsey 0, Medges 6, Cameron 2, Curl 11, Ellis 0, Larson 19, Mattson 0, Peddicord 0, Minger 0.

This Friday the Loggers play another league game when they host the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates.

## Goodwill Sets Date

The Goodwill truck will be in Vernonia next Wednesday morning, February 17 and will not come again for three months. Few calls have been made so far asking the truck to pick up things and Mrs. Frank Lange, local representative, urges all who have items to donate to call her now at HAZel 9-3161.

## Council to Sign Class

Registration and assignment to classes will be undertaken by the volunteer instructors of the Vernonia Hunters Safety Council Thursday, February 18 at the fire hall, 7 p.m.

Chairman L. E. Atkins has requested that all youngsters who have registered up to date attend this meeting to be assigned to instructors. Also, any others wishing to take the gun safety course are asked to be present at this time. Parents should attend at this time, also, to facilitate the filling out of consent papers and registration information.

All are urged to make use of this opportunity to fulfill their requirements for hunting in accordance with Oregon state law. All hunters between the ages of 12 and 18 must have a valid Hunter Safety certificate on their person when pursuing big game. A fine of \$25 will be levied on hunters in the field who do not have a certificate while hunting.

The course should be completed now as the instructors will not repeat it two weeks before hunting season this next fall as is generally assumed.

Last year several requests for such a class were received immediately prior to and during hunting season when arrangements for classes could not possibly be made.

## TB Tests Due Three Grades

Tuberculin testing of all children in the 1st, 7th, and 12th grades in Columbia county schools will be done during February and March.

Tuberculosis will continue to be a most serious communicable disease until it is completely eradicated. One may ask why a tuberculosis eradication project should be initiated and perpetuated in the schools. The answer is because this is 27 percent of the population, not counting adult school personnel who are required to have either X-ray or skin testing every year.

This testing identifies the children harboring the tuberculosis bacilli so one can work intelligently in seeking the sources of their infection.

## Six Choirs Perform in District High School Contest at Knappa

The Vernonia grade school chorus under the direction of Don Jackson is performing tonight at Knappa at a 7:30 p.m. concert of judging and massed choirs. The occasion is a district 9 high school choir contest being hosted by Knappa.

Participating choirs will represent Knappa, Vernonia, Seaside, Rainier, Clatskanie and Astoria. Adjudicator for the event will be Don Wolfe, choir director from Jefferson high school in Portland. During the concert each chorus will sing two numbers for comment and criticism. Later in the program, the high schools will combine for the singing of several massed numbers under the direction of Mr. Wolfe.

The concert is at Knappa high school. Adults will be admitted for 75 cents, high school students for 50 cents and grade school students for 25 cents.

Vernonia will begin the program with "Christopher Robin Is Saying His Prayers," and conclude with "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," the inscription from the Statue of Liberty.

## Youth Group Plans Banquet

All mothers and daughters wishing tickets for the Mother-Daughter banquet February 20 at the EUB church must purchase them this week, according to the representatives from the Youth Rally group who are in charge of plans. Young people in all the participating churches have tickets to sell and are reporting a good response.

The banquet, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. February 20, will feature a Friar Tuck dinner served by the men and boys. Excellent entertainment is anticipated from the Kings Men Quartet from George Fox College at Newberg.

Any mother wishing tickets who has not been contacted may call Eugene Weller, HAZel 9-5232 who will tell them where tickets may be secured. Monday, February 15 is the last day they can be obtained.

Vernonia students making the trip tonight are: Kathy Bergerson, Dado Briones, Mark Burgess, Sandra Burgess, Connie Clausen, Debbie Conroy, Susan Floeter, Cathie Glick, DeElda Grosche, Larry Hemeon, Glenda Hahmeyer, Christie Hanson, Kathy Henderson, Susan Howard, Helen Higginbotham, Janel Krieger, Jeff Krieger, Lawayne Leffler, Debbie Larson, Marsha Laws, Shari Nightwine, Sharrie Norman, Sandra Potter, Cathy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Allen Robertson, Dennis Sargent, Edwin Sanders, Chris Smith, Doug Steele, Paul Goodman, Kathy Tomlin, Donna Tucker, Margaret Tovey, June Townsend, Jean Watts, Dan Burton, Ann Johnson and Terri Hepler.

It is an honor for these seventh and eighth grade students in the Vernonia grade school chorus to be invited to participate in the high school festival.

## Permit Needed For Open Fires

Vernonia Fire Chief Don Webb has issued a request to all residents of the city to observe the city burning ordinances. All open fires within the city limits require a fire permit, regardless of size or time of year. The people who reside in the newly annexed areas will now be required to get city burning permits, whereas they previously came under the jurisdiction of the state laws and obtained permits from the Pittsburg guard station.

Webb also stated that permits should be obtained in person and not over the telephone, or by sending children after them. Persons applying should give information as to the size of fire and type of material to be burned. They also should have hoses and shovels at the fire scenes.

Permits may be obtained by contacting Chief Webb, Assistant Chief Chet Ray, or at Ralph's Chevron from Fire Captain Sturdevant. There is no charge for permits.

## COST SURVEY OF SITE DEVELOPMENT COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ITEM	Site No. 1	Site No. 2	Site No. 3	Site No. 4
	5 Acres	2.23 Acres	12 Acres	Undetermined Acres
Land Cost	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$
Grade and Contour	5,500.00	3,200.00	2,000.00	12,170.00
Street Paving	26,969.60	2,617.50	6,652.00	3,820.00
Sidewalks	4,449.60	1,171.00	3,800.00	1,470.00
Curbs	1,854.00	375.00	837.00	612.00
Sewers	6,550.00			
Water Service	1,300.00	860.00	450.00	
Storm Drainage	2,600.00	750.00	5,400.00	
Removal Buildings Etc.		2,000.00	2,977.00	12,000.00
Access Parking	8,200.00	10,998.00	4,200.00	10,340.00
Access Police	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,138.00
Moving County Dept's.				8,000.00
Rental of Facilities				12,600.00
Boarding Prisoners				12,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 96,123.20</b>	<b>111,971.50</b>	<b>\$122,516.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,150.00</b>



THIRTEEN cars of Southern Pacific train derailed Saturday morning near Banks due to faulty rail and resulted in pile-up of ten gondola cars loaded with rock. Two derailed cars remained upright and were pulled back on track. Train totaled 56 cars.