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## 1964 Rain Tops 1963

Rainfall in this area during 1964 totaled 59.04 inches, according to records kept by Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Spofford at their home on Corey hill. This was 10.85 inches greater than the total for 1963 when the measured rainfall was 48.19 inches.

January was the wettest month in 1964 with 14.95 inches. There were about six inches of snow that month, also. January of this year, rainfall totaled 6.56 inches but snow measured totaled 17 inches.

The other heavy months of 1964 were November with 12.25 inches of rain and December with 13.45 inches. In November, there were three inches of snow. In December, it is most fortunate that snow settled and melted between falls rather than all piling up, for a total of 56 inches was measured by the Spoffords. That amount all at one time could have been a real travel hazard.

In December, the Spoffords recorded a minimum temperature of two degrees and a maximum of 52 degrees. For January of this year, the low temperature was 24 degrees January 9 and the high, 56 degrees January 30.

## Court Names New Members To Fair Board

Appointment of new members to the Columbia county fair board and consideration of resolutions presented to the court by the county Pomona Grange were a part of the business before the county court last week. Also, a new member was appointed to the county planning commission.

Dick Wootan and Dick Howell are the new members of the fair board. Matt Erickson was reappointed at the same time by the county court. The appointments were effective as of January 1, 1965. Holdover members are Elsie Tracy, secretary of the board, and Paul DeShazer.

Paul Paulsen, chairman of the county planning commission had asked the county court to fill a vacancy on his committee. The court appointed Jesse Lewis of Clatskanie to the position.

In response to a letter from the Pomona Grange of Columbia county, Judge Earl Seawright said he had written the grange a letter, pointing out that to date, the Shell Chemical company has not exercised its option to purchase the Deer Island fairgrounds, and therefore the budget committee could not allocate the money to a fairground sinking fund.

The judge said he assured the grange members that all of the money derived from the sale of the present Deer Island site will go toward new grounds and the necessary equipment and buildings. The court pointed out that Shell Chemical company has an option to purchase the Deer Island fairgrounds for a total of \$222,850. This figure includes the donation by Shell, of \$66,400 toward the new fairgrounds. The court indicated that when the time comes to build a new fairgrounds, the granges will be asked to assist the court in the planning.

In a resolution read by the court, Pomona Grange has gone on record as favoring the building of a new courthouse on the site referred to as the Violette property.

Commissioner Louis Wasser stated that the county is now constructing a new dog pound. The foundation has been placed and construction of the cement block building will begin soon.

Don Coin Walrod presented the court a proposed contract for the removal of blow-down timber from the Camp Wilkerson area. The court had entered an agreement with the county forestry committee to manage the timber resources on county owned property. Walrod presented a new proposal for this purpose, and the court has taken the matter under advisement.

## World Prayer Event Planned

The annual World Day of Prayer observance will be held here Friday of next week, March 5 at the Evangelical United Brethren church on State avenue, according to an announcement made this week.

The local observance is a joint project of the women's groups from the various churches and a planning meeting, attended by representatives from the Baptist, EUB, Nazarene, Christian and Vernonia Bible churches met Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. Mabel Graves to make arrangements for the meeting. Other churches are being invited to participate, also.

Mrs. L. E. Stiff will be chairman for the day and the program to be followed will use participants from the various groups. More detailed information will be given next week.

## Legion Plans Speech Event

The annual Americanism speech contest sponsored by the American Legion and auxiliary will be held at the Vernonia American Legion hall Monday evening, March 1 according to an announcement made here this week.

There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. after which contestants from Knappa, Clatskanie and Sherwood will vie for the district title. Topic for their speeches will be The Constitution. Winner in this district meet will enter the state contest March 13 in Portland.

Winner of the state contest last year was Tony Hazapis of Clatskanie.

The potluck dinner and speech contest Monday evening are open to the public.

## Senior Citizens Must File by April 1 for Property Tax Aid

Persons eligible for the senior citizens' property tax exemption must file applications with the county assessor before April 1 if they wish to receive this benefit.

Many eligible persons throughout the state have not applied for the state exemptions and the State Council of Aging believes this is due to misunderstanding of provisions of the law.

Taxpayers 65 years and older, with not more than \$2500 gross income in the past year, are eligible for the exemptions which operate on a sliding scale.

From 65 to 68 years, a 10 percent exemption is allowed; from 69 through 71 years, 30 percent; from 72 through 74 years, 50 percent; from 75 through 77 years, 70 percent; from 78 through 79 years, 90 percent; and 80 years and over, 100 percent. This applies on the applicant's dwelling and up to a true cash value of \$10,000 on the home.

County assessors at county courthouses have the blanks to be filled out and will ask for legal proof of age and an itemized list of gross receipts to be filed with the application. To continue the exemption, an application must be filed yearly. Applications must be filed before April 1.

## Budget Group To Offer Data

A legal notice appearing elsewhere in this issue calls attention to the meeting of the budget committee for school district 47J which will be held Thursday evening of next week, March 4 at the high school at 8:00 p.m.

The notice states that at that time the budget message and document will be presented and that any person may discuss the proposed programs with the budget committee. It further states that any person may present his views on any of the budget proposals.

This open meeting is the opportunity for all tax payers and parents to learn what the budget proposals are for the coming year and to voice approval or objections. It is an invitation to all residents of the district to take an active part in the affairs of the school.

## Entrants Asked For Fair Court

The Columbia Riders are asking for entrants in the 1965 Columbia county fair rodeo queens court. Girls must be 15-23 years of age.

Mrs. Chuck Brien, Rainier, said other requirements are: Girls must be single, never been married; a resident of Columbia county; have transportation for herself and horse; agree to act on the court from April 11, 1965 until the rodeo court of 1966 is selected, and must use the same horse for trials and planned appearances with exceptions approved by the rodeo court committee.

April 1 is the sign-up deadline for applicants, Mrs. Brien said. The application blank is printed below for your convenience.

## Jamboree Sets Meet

Tuesday evening of next week, March 2, is the date set for the first meeting of the 1965 Friendship Jamboree committee. The meeting has been called by Bill Rundle, vice-chairman last year, who stated that 1965 officers will be elected at this meeting.

All event chairmen are urged to be present and an invitation is extended to all persons interested in seeing the 1965 Jamboree succeed to be present. There is a need for new persons to take an active part and for new ideas to make this event bigger and better than those that have preceded it.

The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the fire hall and it is hoped that there will be a big turnout.

## Oregon Death Rate Increases

Seven Americans were killed in Viet Nam on a recent week-end.

These men were soldiers. They were in a war zone, and were aware of the hazards they faced.

Six Americans were killed in Oregon traffic accidents the same week-end.

These people were not soldiers. They were men, women and children who were on peaceful missions.

In the first six weeks of 1965, 50 people have died on Oregon's streets and highways. During the same period of 1964, 40 Oregonians were killed.

Oregon's death rate is up 20 percent. And, the year is just beginning.

Last year, 575 drivers, passengers and pedestrians were killed. If the present bloody rate continues, 115 more people will be killed this year than last. At this rate the traffic death toll will reach an all-time high of 690 people.

What can be done about it?

The Traffic Safety & Education Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles says: "Observe the three 'C's' of driving: care, courtesy and caution. Fasten seat belt. Expect the unexpected. Drive defensively.

"Don't drink and drive. Let the Legislators know your opinion on the traffic safety legislation now pending.

"It's bad enough to die in the service of one's country, as those men in Viet Nam did. It's worse to die needlessly in traffic. Take it easy."

## Chamber Plans T-C Day Event

Tickets will go on sale next week for the annual Town and Country Day smorgasbord sponsored by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce and set for Saturday, March 13.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and there will be entertainment interspersed through that time. Also, a style show will be presented by Fabrics 'n Fashions and 19 local businesses have indicated plans for displays.

Mrs. T. M. Hobart is chairman of the decorations committee for the event.

## Loggers Lose Early Lead Friday Night

The Vernonia Loggers lost their fourth league game last Friday as they were beaten by the Seaside Seagulls 47-44.

The Loggers were able to build up a five point first quarter advantage and were able to hold on to it for most of the game, but the Seagulls were able to gain the lead with about three minutes to go and hold on until the end of the game.

Top point producer for the Loggers was Jerry Hansen with 15, followed by Jim Bellingham with 11.

Scoring: Bellingham 11, Larson 0, Hanson 15, Smith 6, Steele 8, Holsey 4.

The Vernonia JVs won their game against the Seaside JVs 53-50. Denny Pederson with 18 points was high point man for the young Loggers.

Scoring: Pederson 18, Medges 3, Curl 11, Ellis 1, Larson 10, Mattson 0, Peddicord 2, Minger 0, Elton 8.

Last Monday the Loggers lost to the North Catholic Royals 73-61. The Royals held a one-point edge at the end of the first quarter and increased that lead throughout the game.

Center Fred Smith with 20 points paced the Loggers in this encounter.

Scoring: Bellingham 4, Larson 2, Hanson 9, Johnston 0, F. Smith 20, T. Smith 7, Steele 8, Holsey 6, Bate-man 5, Redmond 0.

The Vernonia JV team won their game against the North Catholic JV team 52-33. The Vernonia team trailed by two points at the end of the first half but broke the game wide open in the second half.

Steve Minger with 14 points led the Logger scorers. Scoring: Pederson 9, Blackburn 1, Holsey 0, Medges 9, Cameron 5, Curl 6, Ellis 0, Larson 9, Mattson 0, Peddicord 0, Minger 14.

This Saturday the Loggers travel to Clatskanie to take on the Clatskanie Tigers. On Tuesday they will be at home against the Hood River Dragons.

## Federal Data Being Checked

Internal revenue service personnel have been in Vernonia for the past week visiting business houses to ascertain that proper federal tax returns have been filed and payments made on excise, employment and income taxes.

The agents have visited or will visit some 50 Oregon communities to check on business tax returns.

Most of the delinquencies brought to light will be the result of oversight or misunderstanding, says A. G. Erickson, director of internal revenue for Oregon.

## Anglers Reminded

Anglers in this area are reminded that both Rock creek and the Salmonberry river will close on the 28th of this month under winter regulations of the state game commission. The Nehalem river below the mouth of Rock creek remains open to fishing.

## Ballad Contest, Gay 90s Event Ready

Harmony and horseless carriages, beards and high button shoes and a dose of spring tonic like in the "good old days" return to Forest Grove this week end, February 26-27, as residents turn back the clock for the 19th annual Original All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad Contest and Gay Nineties Festival.

Banners are strung and parking meters turned into striped barber poles in preparation for the celebration. Downtown business establishments have taken on an old fashioned look as local clubs and organizations have arranged window displays of antiques and treasures gleaned from attics and other storage places.

There will be a rock show sponsored by the Tualatin Valley Gem club and art show featuring the work of local artists opening Friday and ending Sunday. Quartets from three states and Canada will begin arriving

in town early Friday for registration and to tune up for the opening night of barber shop singing and eliminations.

Saturday is the big day for residents and visitors alike and gets underway early with a 6 a.m. to noon breakfast sponsored by the Forest Grove Kiwanis club. By 9:30 a.m. street activities will be underway on the main street of Ballard Town.

Beard and costume judging will take place at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. a special Gay 90s excursion train will arrive from Portland carrying 300 passengers.

The gala Gay 90s parade with antique autos, horse and buggies, floats, dignitaries and a variety of other entries from all over the state will begin winding its way through town at 12:30 p.m. Following the parade a special barber shop matinee will be presented at Pacific University for train passengers and other interested visitors.

Highlight of the activity filled day will be two Saturday night Gay Nineties Revues at Forest Grove high school. Both shows, 7 and 9:45 p.m., will be just alike with a chorus line of Pacific University coeds, variety and speciality acts, the eight finalist quartets and special star attraction Jerry Colonna.

The eight quartets, selected at the Friday night elimination contest, will each sing two numbers. They will be vying for \$1300 in prize money, the northwest championship, individual cups and the winning group's name on a perpetual trophy.

Colonna, who will also appear on the Friday night show, will add his own particular brand of comedy and a song and dance act to the program.

All city activities are free. Admission to Friday night quartet eliminations is \$2.00. Saturday night seats are \$3.00. Tickets for all performances are still available at Hull's Pharmacy in Forest Grove.

### RODEO COURT APPLICATION

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

I will be 15 and not over 23 years of age by August 21, 1965.  
I am single and have never been married.  
I am a resident of Columbia County.  
I will have transportation for myself and my horse.  
I agree to act on the reigning court from April 11, 1965 until the rodeo court of 1966 is selected.  
I will use the same horse both for trials and planned appearances with exceptions approved by committee.

Signature of Entrant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Mail Entries To:

Mrs. Chuck Brien  
Rte. 2, Box 306  
Rainier, Oregon

Deadline for Entries — April 1, 1965