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Stage Set for PTA Revue

The all-adult PTA Revue, A Night at the Palace, will be presented tomorrow evening, Friday, March 5, on stage in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Henry Anderegg will act as master of ceremonies. The show is in three scenes with additional clown acts and a curtain skit.

The first scene, "Our Heritage", will feature square dancers, singers and instrumentalists. The second scene, "Gypsy Caravan" will include

round dancers and tango dancers along with singers and instrumentalists. The tango will feature Mrs. Mona Gordon and Keith Coulter of Portland.

The third scene is "The Roarin' Twenties" and will be highlighted by a jazz band, piano player Floyd Bush, a soft shoe dancer Mrs. Dorothy Foster. The Charleston presented by Mrs. Henry Anderegg, and group singers and dancers in the traditional numbers of that era. Mrs. T. M.

Hobart will be featured as Sweet Georgia Brown and will be wearing an authentic Roarin' Twenties costume belonging to Mrs. David Banta's mother.

Mrs. Bud Hemeon and Fred Busch from Mist will present as the curtain time skit a Hill Billy number.

Miss Sunny DeHart and Miss Beverlee Markegard, Vernonia elementary school teachers, will probably never again have such a shopping tour as the one Friday evening when they act as customers for the style show presented by Vernonia firemen. Mrs. Dave Skidmore will be commentator and organ music will be provided by the owner of Floyd's Music Center in Forest Grove.

The show will be replete with billboard girls, and usherettes, Mrs. Kenneth Smejkal and Mrs. William Ostrander, Clowns, Mrs. Robert Curl and Homer Fuller will add spice to the entire evening. There will be a ten minute intermission about 9:00 o'clock.

Final dress rehearsal is being held this evening, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. and Mrs. Welcome Rumbaugh, general chairman, and her committees stress the necessity for all participants being present.

Last Saturday evening, four members of the band, Cread Morgan, Wayne Welch, Duke Gortler and Harold Fowler, and two singers, Mrs. Larry Jones and Mrs. George Laws visited the Lads and Plaids square dance at Banks and performed at intermission to advertise the show. The round dancers, in their gypsy costumes were on hand to sell tickets. Mr. and Mrs. Rumbaugh and assistant director, Mrs. Curl, also were present for the entertainment.

The long list of participants doesn't permit naming all of them here but an interesting array of local talent will be featured with many surprises in store. The complete list will be available on programs at the revue.

In cooperation with the PTA, Sherman Fisher announced that there will not be a show at the Joy Theater Friday evening. Instead, shows will be presented Saturday and Sunday evenings, this week only.

New District Budget Ready For Hearing

The proposed budget for the 1965-66 year for School District 47J will be offered at a public hearing this evening, March 4, at the high school at 8 o'clock. Preparation of the coming year's budget was started January 5 by the budget committee.

The new proposal calls for general fund expenditures which will exceed the 1964-65 budget by \$42,960, but estimated general fund resources for the coming year will exceed last year's budget by \$17,921.

For the coming fiscal period, district bond payments will total \$12,225 which is \$8,600 less than for 1964-65. School District 47J will be debt free after this bond payment.

The total estimated tax levy for the coming year will be \$18,412 more than last year, an increase of eight percent. Cost of instruction is 62 percent of the total general fund budget and this figure is lower than state and national figures which indicate instruction comprises 68-72 percent of the general fund budget.

Maintenance-repair and capital outlay comprise \$17,960 of the budget increase and instruction comprises \$22,244 of the increase. Instruction includes all salaries other than cooks and custodians and also sick leave, teacher aides, library aides, text books, teaching supplies, library supplies, etc.

The new budget includes \$29,000 for such items as remodeling the Vo-Ed addition, Mist gym oil conversion, Mist gym roof, Washington grade school auditorium remodeling, high school room partition and language laboratory conversion. This amount will decrease considerably in the 1966-67 budget.

Full details on the budget will be available at the hearing this evening.

Band Parents Schedule Meet

The Vernonia Band Parents will meet next Monday evening, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Washington school band room.

There will be a short business meeting, followed by a program presented by the grade school beginning and intermediate bands, directed by James Fiske. Some of the high school band students will be present to chaperone children in the gym before and after the program.

Officers elected at the February meeting were George Laws, president; Mrs. George Laws, secretary, and Mrs. Wm. Rundle, treasurer. These new officers make the following statement: "We, the new officers, promise to make the meetings as interesting and brief as possible and we are hoping for the support of all parents of band members, both grade and high school."

Demos Elect District Head

Donald Guernsey, Beaverton, was elected First Congressional chairman of the Democratic party at a meeting held in Salem Sunday.

Guernsey, an employee at Tektronix, who served as publicity chairman for the Johnson campaign in Oregon, won handily over his two opponents, Sidney Knox and James Roussell.

He has asked for a meeting with the Columbia county central committee in April.

Also being planned by the county Democratic party is a special public meeting to present to voters data on the courthouse issue. Date of this meeting has not been set.

World Prayer Theme Chosen

Our Prayer with Thanksgiving is the theme for the World Day of Prayer observance to be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 in the Evangelical United Brethren church on State avenue under sponsorship of the combined women's groups from local churches. Mrs. L. E. Stiff is acting as chairman for the day to introduce the program and the various participants.

The invocation will be given by Rev. H. L. Russell and the program will open with the call to prayer. Scripture readings and songs will develop the theme under the divisions of Ask and Receive with Thanksgiving, Believe and Receive with Thanksgiving, and Abide and Receive with Thanksgiving.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Sulo Sanders of Mist will sing and the benediction will be given by Rev. Raymond Targgart.

The service is open to all who wish to attend. The chairman asks that each person bring a Bible for use in the service.

Horn Reappointed

Bill J. Horn received notification last week that he has been reappointed as emergency interim successor for State Representative Wayne Turner. Such appointments are made in accordance with state law to assure the continuance of state government processes in the event of an emergency which might leave vacancies in the legislature.

State Department Approves Employment Study

Joey W. Acaiturri, superintendent of Vernonia schools who is chairman and research director of a committee of Columbia county school men who are seeking a study to aid in better use of vocational education facilities in the county, stated this week that the project is approved.

Word has been received that the "Columbia county employment study in conjunction with vocational educa-

tion opportunities available to high school students within the county" has been approved by the vocational education staff of the Oregon State Department of Education.

Columbia county will receive \$3,000 for the survey which will be conducted by Boyd Applegarth, graduate student at the University of Oregon.

It is hoped that results from the

City Adopts Ordinances to Sell Building, Annex Area, Raise Fees

The Vernonia city council met both Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week to transact business for the city.

Monday evening, final reading was given three ordinances and they were passed. One was for sale of the bank building to U. S. National, a second for the annexation of an area in north Riverview, and a third for the increase of water connection fees which becomes effective April 1. Fees will then be \$85 for five-eighths inch service, \$100 for three-quarter inch service and \$125 for one inch service.

Beginning April 1, increased fees will be in effect for new connections to the city water system as established by ordinance adopted March 1. River view residents who intend to apply for city water should make application before that time to avoid paying the larger fee.

Mr. Fisher, representing the Paramount Pest Control, was present at the Monday meeting and talked on rat control, health problems and destruction caused and outlined some steps to be taken for alleviating the problem.

He advised a general city clean-up including the elimination of shacks, unlivable dwellings and delapidated out-buildings. He advocated compulsory garbage collection, if possible, and the use of well-covered garbage cans. Health committee chairman Horace Hertel was commended for initiating the survey of rat control possibilities.

Wilbur Davis was also present and again asked for a renewal of his garbage collection franchise and an increase of 20 percent in collection rates. He cited the expense of maintaining the garbage dump as one reason for the need of an increase.

The garbage collection franchise was referred to the city attorney for possible revision and increased rates. Mrs. Launee Cousins moved and Horace Hertel seconded a motion that the requested increase be allowed. The motion was amended to stipulate that the increase would be subject to negotiation of a mutually acceptable franchise. The motion was passed as amended.

The city health officer, Dr. S. A. Thiringer, was asked to get information from the state health department regarding action he may take in enforcing garbage disposal rules.

In committee reports, the councilmen who had inspected the city airport February 21 to consider possible park development, referred the matter to the park advisory committee for planning suggestions.

Neil Zimmerman, chairman of the park advisory committee, also was

Tree Planting Job Underway

The annual tree planting program has been underway at the Crown Zellerbach tree farm here for the past month and will continue through March as a part of the continuing reforestation program begun here by the company in 1945.

A crew of 10 to 12 CZ employees, working under a foreman, are in the process of planting 200,000 seedlings on a 400 acre area. In addition, Selmer Harland of Salem with a crew of 10 men has worked here for the past two weeks on a contract for the planting of 100,000 additional trees.

In 1945, when the company began its program of reclaiming cutover land, seedlings were set in a 115 acre area. The program has been carried on each year and better than three and a half million trees have been planted on the company holdings in this area.

Examiner at Office

There will be a drivers license examiner in St. Helens every Wednesday at 970 Columbia Blvd. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well in advance of the closing hour.

notified of the need to transplant available shrubs and trees to the city park. Emergency work has delayed the city crews from doing the planting as planned.

An application was received by the council from Lyle Barker for part-time police work. At the meeting held Tuesday night to complete council business, Atkins moved and C. E. Miller seconded a motion to hire Barker on a trial basis for a possible two-month period. The motion was carried.

Another consideration taken up Tuesday evening was the preliminary survey of the water system and the engineer making the survey is being asked to attend the March 15 meeting. The council approved the \$500 estimated cost for change in technical arrangements in the filter set-up at the water plant to increase efficiency. Pipe lines will be added as recommended.

Councilman Miller reported that a log jam in Rock Creek near the lagoon had been removed. He was authorized to arrange for cutting of wood and removal of refuse resulting. He also was authorized to hire removal of a protruding stump on E street.

The city planning commission will be asked to attend the March 15 meeting also to consider a memorandum from Cyrus Nims of the Municipal Research Bureau regarding additional studies here.

Various other miscellaneous matters were discussed, including a letter from Lawrence Meissner chiding the city for pressing him to have several useless buildings removed.

Payment of bills was cared for Monday evening, and only matters not disposed of Monday evening were taken up at the hour-long meeting held Tuesday.

Business Sale Taking Place

A business transaction taking place here this week, will, when concluded, combine two local businesses and make possible the start of a much looked forward to retirement for the owners of one of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Steers, owners of Vernonia Variety, are in the process of buying out Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nichols, owners of Nichol's Variety. Preliminary steps had been taken Wednesday and final papers were being drawn for transfer of the business. The merging of the two businesses will be a matter of time, according to present plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have been in business here since 1949 when they purchased the store from Mrs. Florence Messing. The sale came about rather suddenly and they have not announced plans for the future other than for a good rest and a trip south to their former homes to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Steers bought out the store of Mrs. C. O. Thomas in November of 1953. Several years ago, they purchased the stock from the Schaumburg paint store and children's shop and combined with their own so this is their third step toward expansion of their business.

4-H Members Plan Training

Four-H club members within the Vernonia area will participate in a demonstration training meeting, Thursday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Washington grade school in Vernonia. Four-H club members, leaders and interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.

Columbia County Extension Agents Margaret Allyn and Robert Stevely will be conducting the training. Four-H club members will be presenting demonstrations which will then be discussed from the standpoint of helping the club members to do their best possible job.

The purpose of the demonstration is for the club member to show and tell others how to do a job related to their 4-H project. Demonstrations give 4-H club members opportunities for experience in speaking before groups of people.

Tuesday Night Victory Places Loggers in Win Column 66-65

Jerry Hanson sank a freethrow with three seconds remaining in the ball game to give the Vernonia Loggers a 66-65 victory over the Hood River Dragons Tuesday night. The Loggers, down by 11 points with six minutes to go in the final quarter, put on a full-court press to tie the game and set the stage for Hanson's game-winning shot. It was the first loss in 17 starts for Hood River this year.

Dan Steele with 20 points, 16 of which were gained in the second half, led the Logger scoring but he had plenty of help from Jerry Hanson and Fred Smith who came up with 19 and 16 points respectively.

Scoring: Bellingham 4, Larson 2, F. Smith 16, Hanson 19, T. Smith 3, Holsey 2, Steele 20, Bateman 0.

The Vernonia JVs dropped their game to the Hood River JVs 46-34. The score was tied at halftime 19-19 but the Vernonia team couldn't keep up the pace in the second half. Joe Curl with 11 points paced the Loggers.

Scoring: Pederson 6, Blackburn 0, Holsey 0, Medges 4, Cameron 2, Curl 11, Ellis 3, Larson 2, Mattson 0, Minger 2, Elton 2.

The Vernonia Loggers lost to the Clatskanie Tigers last Saturday night 86-67. The Loggers fell behind in the first quarter and trailed at all the quarter stops.

Fred Smith with 15 and Jerry Hanson with 14 paced the Loggers.

Scoring: Bellingham 6, Larson 3, Hanson 14, Johnston 0, F. Smith 15, T. Smith 6, Steele 11, Bateman 8, Holsey 4, Redmond 0.

The Vernonia JVs defeated the Clatskanie JVs, in a very close ball game 43-40. Roger Medges with 19 points and Joe Curl with 16 points led the way for the victory.

Brown Elected To Board Post

W. L. "Wes" Brown, South Scappoose, was elected 1965 president of Columbia County Board of Realtors at the annual election meeting held at the Kozy Korner restaurant in St. Helens February 11.

The new board president succeeds Lyle F. Pieper, St. Helens realtor. Also elected were Bill Horn, Vernonia realtor, vice-president; and Florence Whipple, St. Helens realtor, secretary-treasurer.

Brown, a South Scappoose realtor, moves into the top post at the real estate board immediately after serving as a program committee member and on the board of directors of the local board.

A resident of Scappoose for 25 years, Brown owns his own real estate brokerage firm at South Scappoose.

He is a charter member of the Columbia County Board of Realtors. He is also a member of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers and the International Traders club, two of the specialized organizations affiliated with the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Plans for the year include an all-out drive for membership and to acquaint the people of this area on why they should seek the services of a realtor when they have real estate problems.

Chest Unit Dated

The mobile chest x-ray unit has scheduled a visit to Vernonia for Wednesday, March 31. Additional information will be given later but the date is announced now so that persons wishing xrays can plan on getting them at that time.

Rites Held for Mrs. G. Laird

Mrs. Celia Laird, a resident of Vernonia since 1923, passed away Thursday morning at the family residence on Bridge street. Although she had been in failing health for the past several years, her death came very unexpectedly.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 27 at 2 p.m. at the Christian church with arrangements entrusted to Fuiten-Friesen Mortuary.

Her pastor, Rev. Robert Sargent, officiated at the services with Rev. Ralph Ohling of the Rainier Christian church as soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, organist. Concluding rites and vault interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with Bert Brunsmann, Julius Hytrek, Dudley Spofford, James Cox, Justin Folken and Richard Nightwine as casket bearers.

Mrs. Laird had a long and active membership in the Vernonia Christian church. She was also a member of Nehalem Chapter, Order of Eastern Star which conducted lodge rites at the services. She also had belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary.

Mrs. Laird was born at Bassfield, Mississippi April 27, 1890, the daughter of the late D. J. and Evaline Broome. All of her early life was spent there and she was united in marriage to George W. Laird at Laurel, Mississippi on November 2, 1913. They came to Vernonia in 1923 and with the exception of a few months had resided here since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird were honored here a little over a year ago upon the observance of their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Laird especially loved flowers and always enjoyed growing them both in her home and yard.

Surviving is her husband, George W. Laird, Vernonia and five children: George W. Jr. of Mill City; Desmond Laird, Salem; Mrs. Edgar (Marguerite) Burton, Vernonia; Mrs. Wayne (Vivian) Reynolds, Mist; and Mrs. Edwin (Lillian) Roberts of Rainier.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Lina Laird and Mrs. Esther Laird and a brother, Barney Broome, all of Bassfield, Mississippi; and eight grandchildren.

Tree Pruning To Be Taught

A tree pruning demonstration will be held for Vernonia area residents Wednesday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Vernonia high school.

Tom Zinn, Columbia county extension agent, will explain and demonstrate how to prune fruit trees common to this area. People who assemble there will be taken to a nearby orchard for the demonstration.

That same day, at 1:00 p.m., the demonstration will be repeated at the Don Bergerson place eight miles south of Vernonia on Timber road.

Both demonstrations are open to all interested persons.

