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HENRY Anderegg, left, master of the Natal Grange, Saturday presented a 60 year membership pin and certificate to Robert S. Lindsay. Mrs. Lindsay is shown holding the 60 year certificate she received in 1962. Mr. Lindsay first joined the Vernonia Grange in February of 1904, and later transferred to Natal Grange, so he actually has 61 years of membership. Mrs. Lindsay has had continuous membership in Natal Grange.

## McGilvra To Speak At Dinner

The annual meeting of the Highway 99W Alternate Road association will be held here Wednesday evening of next week and will be a 7:00 p.m. dinner meeting at the Masonic Temple, according to Mrs. Mona Gordon, association secretary.

State Representative Hugh McGilvra of Forest Grove, editor of the News Times, will be the speaker. He has been an active member of the association and now, with his position in the legislature, is in a position to keep posted on matters that might pertain to it.

There will be an election of officers and of three directors. The terms of A. E. Paulson, Longview; Charles N. Teegarden, Yamhill and W. E. Janvrin, Rainier, are expiring.

Everyone interested in the progress and work of the association is invited to attend the dinner. Homer Waltz of Forest Grove is president and he and his committees will be giving reports.

## Second Budget Hearing Is Due

At the first public hearing on the 1965-66 budget for school district 47J which was held last Thursday evening, March 4, only three persons appeared to hear the budget message and learn what was on the list of budgeted items.

A second hearing will be held next Monday evening, March 15 at the high school at 8:00 p.m. to which anyone may go.

Tonight, March 11, the school board will meet to elect teachers for the 1965-66 school year.

Also, it is now time to file petitions for director nominations. The term of Art Bellingham of Birkenfeld is expiring and a director is to be elected from that area. Petitions must be filed by April 2.

## Bridge Expert Scheduled Here

The St. Mary's Altar Society has arranged for Sam Gordon, bridge instructor, to be here three nights next week for a series of lessons which will be given at the fire hall starting at 8:00 p.m. each evening.

Gordon is considered the dean of bridge and has evolved an easy, fast way to teach the game which makes it easy to learn. While he beams his lessons to beginners, every rule is one an advanced player needs and with every rule he gives an original guide for remembering.

Gordon previously presented lessons here about 25 years ago.

## Ambulance Called

The Vernonia ambulance was called Tuesday evening to take Steven Myer, son of Mrs. Jean Myer, to the Portland Osteopathic hospital for treatment of injuries received when his horse fell on him while he was riding at the Bob Thompson place. The accident occurred about 5:00 p.m. and he was first taken to the Vernonia Clinic, then to the hospital. He has a broken left elbow which required special care in setting. No other serious injuries were determined and he hoped to be home by this week end.

## Full Auditorium Sees PTA Revue

The PTA Revue, A Night at the Palace, played to a standing room only audience at the high school auditorium last Friday evening and has been acclaimed as one of the best programs of this type ever presented here. It revealed a wonderful array of talent within the community.

About 80 persons participated in the acts and many more worked behind the scenes to make the program a success. Mrs. Welcome Rumbaugh was general chairman and her husband was, no doubt, the right hand assistant in seeing that everything was in readiness for the event.

Mrs. Carson Strong was in charge of making the very attractive backdrop scenery and Mrs. Robert Wendel and Mrs. Bill Howard made other props which provided atmosphere for the acts.

The billboard girls, Mrs. Ken Smejkal and Mrs. Bill Ostrander, got plenty of whistles, but the firemen in the style show probably caused the most hilarity of the evening.

Much of the success of the show was due to the good behind the scenes work of George Laws on the mike set-up and others who assisted with details unseen by the audience.

After all bills are paid, over \$300 will be cleared for the PTA treasury, according to Mrs. Robert Curl, PTA president and assistant chairman for the show.

## Students Win Place on Roll

The following honor roll for the first six weeks of the second semester was released at Vernonia high school last week:

Freshmen: Steve Curl, Sally Hytrek, Kristen Landers, Sandra Lindsley, Geoffrey Proehl, Cathie Quinn, Carmen Rundle and Christie Rundle. Sophomores: Linda Abercrombie, Linda Armstrong, Bill Hanson, Kathy Jensen, Sally Knowlton, Virginia Nelson and Ann Sargent.

Juniors: Christine Bender, Robert Mattson and Fred Smith.

Seniors: Ken Bateman, Jim Bellingham, Elsie Berg, Carol Brunsmann, Sharon Brunsmann, Joyce Chandler, Laura Floeter, Carol Henderson, Linda Jensen, Barbara Keith, Christine King, Donna Sanders, Judy Stockwell, Sandra Sutton and Terry Larson.

## Seniors Prepare Play For 9th

On April 9 the class of 1965 at Vernonia high school will present a three-act play, Backwoods Romeo, by special arrangement with Walter H. Baker company.

The play, written by John Nash, is a comedy of long standing which has recently been revised by J. C. McMullen for modern audiences.

The play will be directed by Mrs. Sam Hearing Jr. and the cast is as follows: Larry McNeil, Russ Redmond; Rex Simonds, Robert Fuquay; Romeo Montague, Danny Steele; Connie McNeil, Laura Floeter; Billie McNeil, Joyce Chandler; Orpha Finley, Barbara Keith; Rachel McNeil, Deanna Ritz; La Reina, Carol Brunsmann; Sue, Nancy Skidmore; Forewoman, Donna Sanders; the four helpers, Judy Stockwell, Darlene Welch, Rory Workman and Jeri Brady.

## Dobbin Jury Verdict States Manslaughter

Henry Dobbin, 67, was convicted of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Charles O. Reynolds the night of December 13, 1964 at their caboose home near Natal. He had been held in Columbia county jail since the shooting. He was tried on a charge of second degree murder, but the jury found him guilty of manslaughter, a lesser charge, and he was placed on five years probation by Circuit Court Judge Avery Combs.

The trial began Wednesday, March 3, in Columbia county circuit court, with Combs presiding and sentence was passed Monday of this week.

Testifying in his own defense, Dobbin maintained that Reynolds had threatened to kill him on several occasions. The fatal shooting on the night of December 13 came as a result of a quarrel, after Reynolds and Dobbin had been drinking homebrew.

Dobbin testified that he had fallen asleep after dinner, and was awakened when Reynolds began to choke him. He said he fought back, then Reynolds left saying, "I'm going to kill you." Reynolds left the room, Dobbin claimed, to get his gun in the adjoining annex.

The defendant said he got a rifle from the wall, and as Reynolds entered the room, he shot once. The bullet struck Reynolds in the right side. He died a few minutes later on the floor of the cabin.

District Attorney Don Kalberer introduced evidence from the autopsy on Reynolds, to show that he had been choked, suffered several broken ribs, and had a head injury before the fatal shooting.

Testimony in the trial brought out that Reynolds was about six feet tall, weighed between 220-230 pounds, was 54 years of age. Dobbin, 67, is five feet, seven inches tall, and weighs 135 pounds.

When the state had rested its case at 10:40 Friday morning, Defense Attorney Joe Walker moved for a directed verdict of acquittal. Judge Avery Combs denied the motion. Walker then called his only witness, Dobbin, to testify in his own defense.

He was on the stand about an hour, under cross examination by Walker, telling of the events that led to the fatal shooting.

Judge Combs complimented both the prosecution and defense attorneys on their conduct of the trial after the jury had gone into deliberation in the jury room.

Walker had been appointed by the circuit court judge to be defense counsel after Dobbin said he had no funds to hire an attorney.

## Brush Fires Cause Action

The State Forestry Department took action on five brush fires last week. All of these were caused from debris burning which got out of control.

Although fire season is not in effect as yet, the department wishes to caution the public about debris burning as the lighter fuels are getting very dry and the spread of fire is quite rapid.

## CCDC Plans Meet

There will be a meeting of the Columbia County Development Commission at the Chuck Wagon cafe in Rainier next Tuesday, March 16, at 8:00 p.m. The cafe is located directly across the street from the PP&L building.

Purpose of the meeting is to give final touches to the county brochure before presenting it to the county court for approval.

## Loggers End Season with 62-55 Win

The Vernonia Loggers ended their 1964-65 basketball season with a win last Monday night as they defeated the Rainier Columbians by a 62-55 score.

Dan Steele with 20 points was again the top point producer for the Loggers as he led them during the second and third periods to build up their winning margin.



MRS. CLARA LINDSLEY

## Lindsley Rites Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday, March 8 at 11 a.m. at the Fuiten-Friesen mortuary chapel for Mrs. Clara Bell Lindsley who passed away early Saturday morning at a Eugene nursing home where she had been for some time. She had been ill for the past four years. She was 74 years old.

Rev. Robert Sargent, pastor of the Vernonia Christian church, officiated with Mrs. Lorraine Jones as soloist and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, organist. Concluding rites and interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with Ronald McDonald, Henry Hudson, Clifford Fowler, Gus Hult, Julius Hytrek and Frank Schmidlin serving as casket bearers.

Mrs. Lindsley was the daughter of early residents of the Banks area, M. M. and Joan Beard Mead, who came there in 1884 and 1878 respectively. She was born at Hillsboro September 10, 1890 and spent her early years in Buxton, West Union and the Hillsboro areas.

She later lived at Spokane and Hope, Idaho for several years and then in 1924 she came with her family to Vernonia where she lived for almost 40 years. The past several years, due to failing health, she had been at Eugene.

Mrs. Lindsley always enjoyed growing flowers and from 1946 until 1960 had a greenhouse in Riverview. She had been a member of Vernonia Temple No. 61, Pythian Sisters, for 24 years.

She was united in marriage to Warren Joseph Lindsley at Spokane December 22, 1910. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here in 1960. Mr. Lindsley preceded her in death in October, 1962.

Surviving are ten children: Joseph Lindsley and Kenneth Lindsley and Mrs. Sam (Ann) Smith, all of Springfield; Leeman Lindsley, Tacoma; Clarence Pearson, Elma, Washington; William Prince, Portland; Mrs. George (Edith) Stanton, Gold Beach; Mrs. Douglas (Claribel) Nibler and Mrs. Dewey (Joan) Hunt, both of Eugene and Vernon Lindsley of Vernonia.

Also surviving are three brothers, Lee Mead, Nehalem; A. M. "Bob" Mead, West Slope and Phillip Mead, Cedar Mills; and five sisters, Mrs. Alto (May) Hartrampf, Hillsboro; Mrs. Francis Walters, Cedar Hills; Mrs. Richard (Janie) Sandford, North Plains; Mrs. Ray (Ann) Dorland, Hillsboro and Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, Sacramento; 36 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

## Classes Offer Plays

The eighth grade classes at Washington grade school will present their class plays Friday evening of next week, March 19, on the stage at the Washington school. Mrs. Dorothy Sandon's class will present a comedy, Herbie the Hero, and James Johns' class will present a suspense type drama, Mulvaney's First Case. Each play will use a cast of eight characters.

## Firemen Answer Five Alarms; Permits Required for Burning

The Vernonia Fire Department has started off the month of March with a bustle of activity which included the answering of five fire calls between March 2 and 7.

Of these five calls, three were due to debris burning fires getting out of hand. Chief Don Webb has warned all persons who are planning to burn to obtain fire permits and use extreme caution while the dry conditions exist.

Also, all burners should have a water-charged hose at the fire scene plus shovel, rake, hoe, etc., to aid in controlling the blaze. All open fires, regardless of size, require a burning permit year around within the city limits.

A city ordinance governing the burning of debris specifies a maximum of \$100 fine and 10 days in jail for burning without permit and authorities have indicated action will be taken to enforce the regulations.

At their regular monthly business meeting Monday, March 8, the firemen began formulation of plans for their annual dinner and the annual Firemen's Ball.

The dinner, for firemen and wives, will be held locally and served at the fire hall March 27. As their guests, the firemen are inviting Mayor and Mrs. Hobart, the councilmen and their wives.

The entertainment committee commenced work towards the annual

## College Course To Be Offered

Beginning March 23 there will be a course in the problems in teaching the underachiever presented by Raymond Rowe of Portland State College.

The course is open to any adult in the area, teacher or parent and sign up will be handled through the high school office.

Class members may receive college credit if so desired under the course number of Education 508 (workshop).

Any parent who wishes more information on this class may contact Welcome Rumbaugh, vice-principal, at the high school. Several teachers in the district have expressed a desire for some additional help in working with the child that has developed problems that prevent him from learning up to his ability. This course was set up to help toward this end.

Rowe indicated that as the course progresses he will introduce various case studies that will help apply some of the practical knowledges he hopes to present.

Classes will be held each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

## 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.

## Juniors Await Exams

Saturday, 17 Vernonia high school juniors will be taking qualifying exams for National Merit Scholarships.

dance which is set for the Saturday evening before Mother's Day which falls on May 8 this year. Definite arrangements for music have not been completed, but will be announced as soon as arranged. This is the firemen's main money-raising activity of the year and provides funds for fire fighting equipment as needed.

Plans were also discussed for sending representatives to the Oregon Fire conference to be held at Seaside in June.

After completion of routine business, the meeting was adjourned to allow members to observe a demonstration of portable fire pumps. A portable pump demonstration had also been put on Sunday afternoon at the city park.

## T-C Day Program Prepared

Everything is in readiness for the annual chamber of commerce smorgasbord which will be held Saturday evening, March 13 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the American Legion hall.

Mrs. T. M. Hobart is in charge of decorations and Mrs. Launee Cousins, food, and both have many people assisting in order to assure an attractive setting for the serving and enjoying of the usual bountiful array of good food.

New this year will be the displays by local merchants, with 19 planning to participate. A style show by Fabrics 'n Fashions will highlight other entertainment. A full schedule of the evening program is given elsewhere in this issue.

Tickets are now being sold by chamber members or may be purchased at the door. Advance sales help the food committee determine the amounts needed.

## Rundle to Head 1965 Jamboree

William Rundle was elected March 2 as chairman for the 1965 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree and Mrs. Nora Harders was re-elected as secretary. Selection of other officers was deferred until the next meeting since the March 2 attendance was small due to other events on the same evening.

Rundle was vice-chairman last year and got much valuable experience when he had to take over at the last moment due to the chairman, Willie Barston, making a job transfer which took him out of town at that time.

Many things were discussed, such as theme for the 1965 event, queen selection, special events and general suggestions, but action was left to a later date so that more may participate.

Rundle has called the next meeting for Tuesday, March 23 at the fire hall. Everyone interested in seeing the 1965 event succeed is urged to attend. A vice-chairman is to be chosen and committees are to be appointed and other decisions will be made.

## PTA Schedules Juvenile Talk

The March PTA meeting will be held in the Washington grade school art room Monday, March 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Bruce Grady, director of the Columbia county juvenile department has agreed to speak to the members. This talk should give the people of Vernonia an opportunity to learn what is being done in this line in their county.

For added entertainment, the intermediate band will play to show the PTA members how much they have improved during the year.

Prior to the PTA meeting, at 7:00 p.m., the newly formed Girl Scout and Brownie Troop will be present for their investiture ceremony. The troop, sponsored by the PTA, has recently been organized with Mrs. Wayne Welch as leader. Parents and friends are invited to the ceremony.